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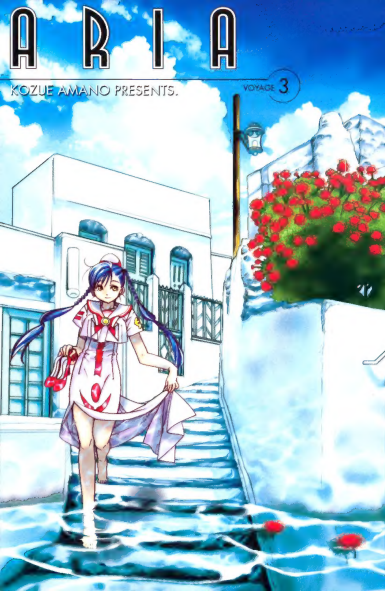

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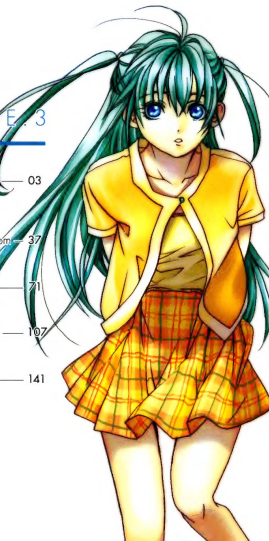

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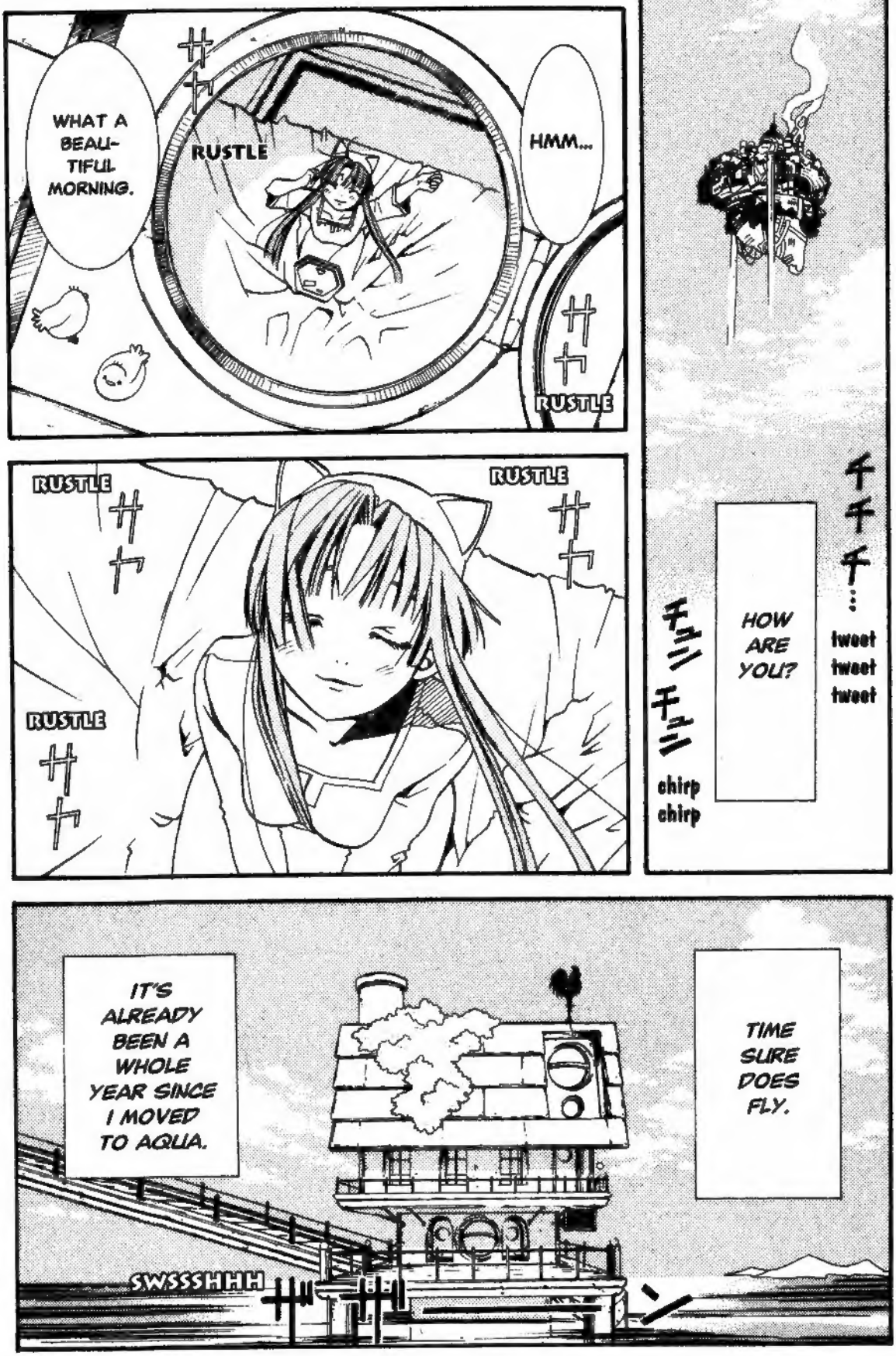
WHAT A BEAU-TIFUL MORNING.
RUSTLE
HMM...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
チチチ…
tweet tweet tweet
HOW ARE YOU?
チュン チュン
chirp chirp
IT'S ALREADY BEEN A WHOLE YEAR SINCE I MOVED TO AQUA.
TIME SURE DOES FLY.
SWSSSHHH
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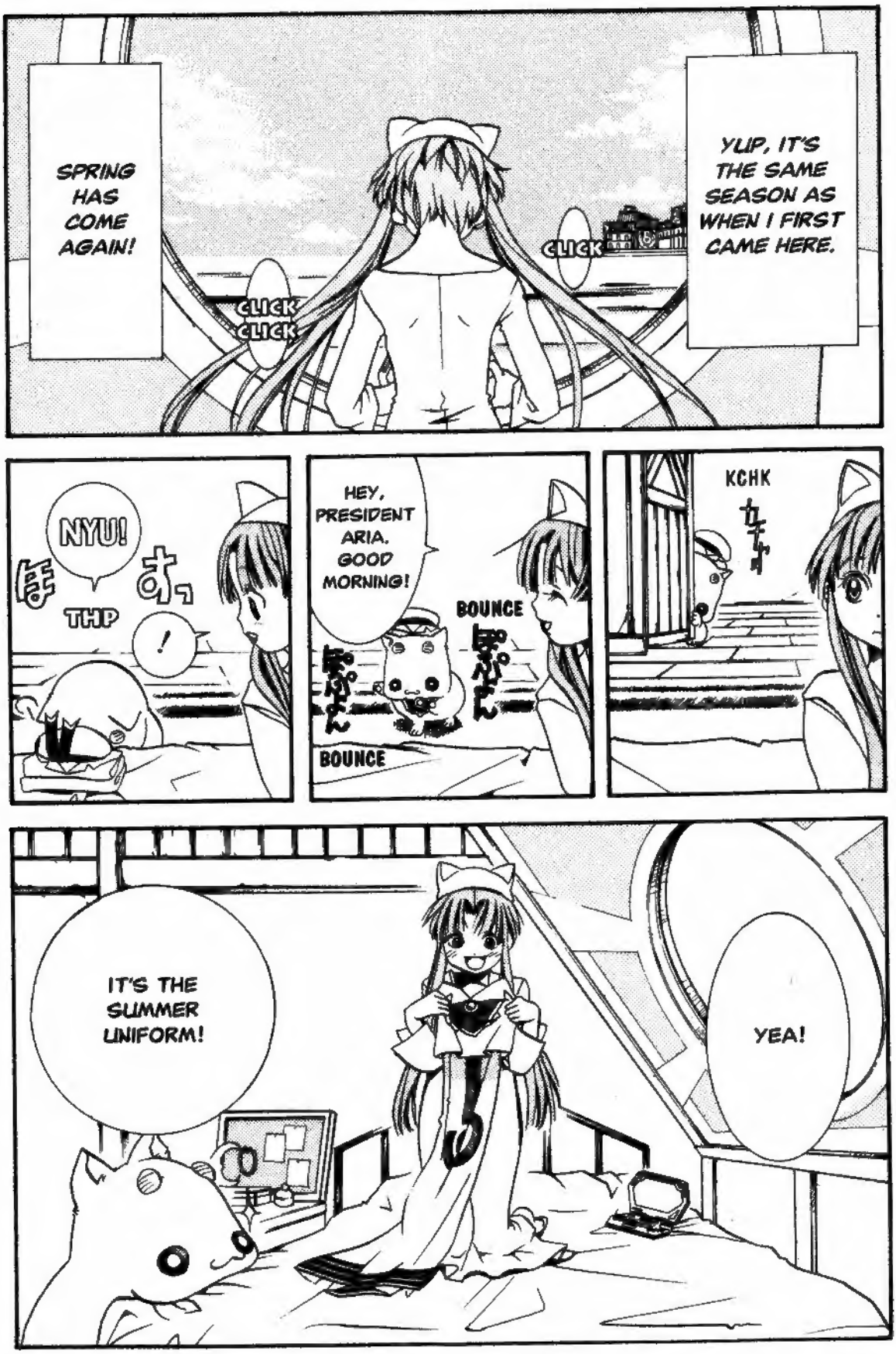
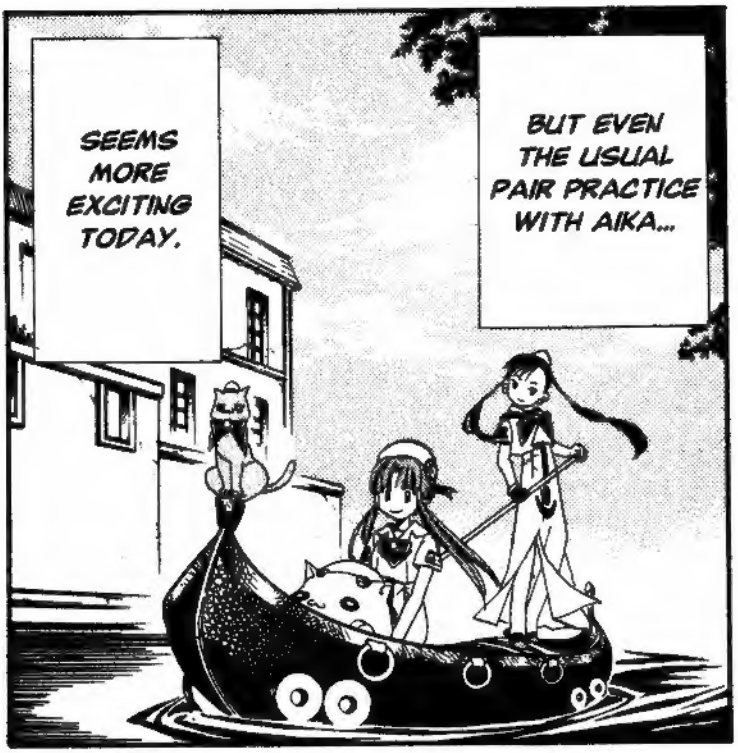
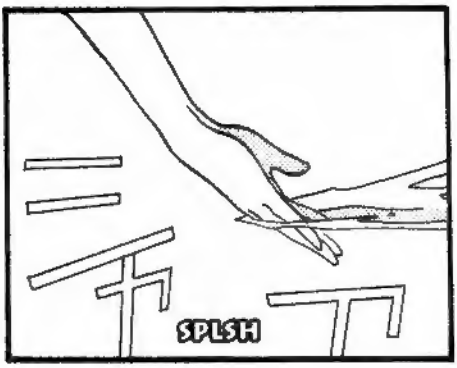

SPRING HAS COME AGAIN!
CLICK CLICK
CLICK
YUP, IT'S THE SAME SEASON AS WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE.
NYU!
THP
!
HEY, PRESIDENT ARIA. GOOD MORNING!
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
KCHK
IT'S THE SUMMER UNIFORM!
YEA!

YOU LOOK ESPECIALLY HAPPY THIS MORNING.
GOOD MORNING, AKARI.
Well, well.
♪ hehehe
GOOD MORNING!
THE SAME UNIFORM AS WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE!
Yaaaay!
BECAUSE STARTING TODAY, I GET TO WEAR...
GRIN
にへら！
YEAH!
HEH. THAT'S RIGHT!
HEH HEH. IT KIND OF GIVES ME THIS WARM FUZZY FEELING.
WELL, WELL.

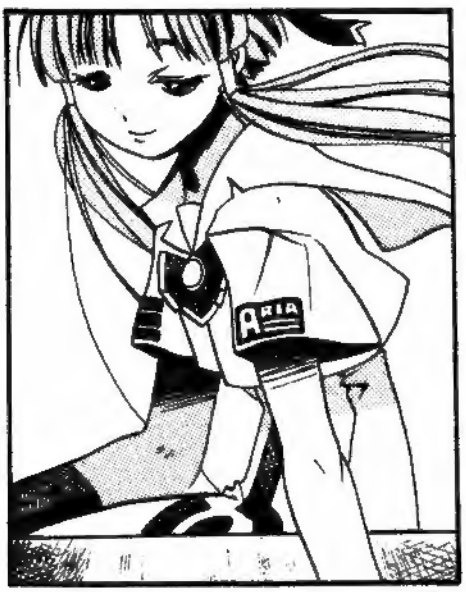

SEEMS MORE EXCITING TODAY.
BUT EVEN THE USUAL PAIR PRACTICE WITH AIKA...

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE IT'S SPRING AGAIN ON AQUA...


SPLSH

TIME REALLY FLIES, HUH?
しみじみ…
MURMUR
HEH HEH. YEAH.

IT'S ALREADY BEEN A YEAR SINCE YOU CAME TO AQUA.
HEH HEH HEH.

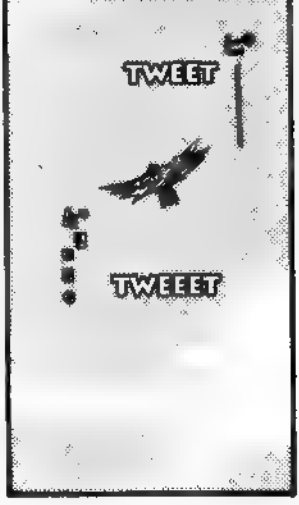


AND DIP IT INTO THE WATER,
I TAKE THE SHINY-CLEAN OAR IN MY HANDS...
GENTLY CATCH-ING THE WAVES
AND FEELING THE CURRENT WITH MY WHOLE BODY.
IT MEANS I'VE RIDDEN THE CRESTS OF THE WAVES PERFECTLY.
IF I LEAVE BEHIND A BEAUTIFUL WAKE...

I BECOME ONE WITH THE WIND...
AND AS MY REWARD:
YEAH...
IT'S BEEN GETTING NICE AND WARM LATELY.
SPRING IS HERE.
SWSSHHH

SO IT'S GONNA BE TOUGH.
THE PLACE I PICKED FOR PRACTICE TODAY IS PRETTY ADVANCED.
GRIN
上級者
ADVANCED?

YEAH.
YA!
HMM, THE TIDE IS GETTING DIFFICULT TO READ.
HA!
HA!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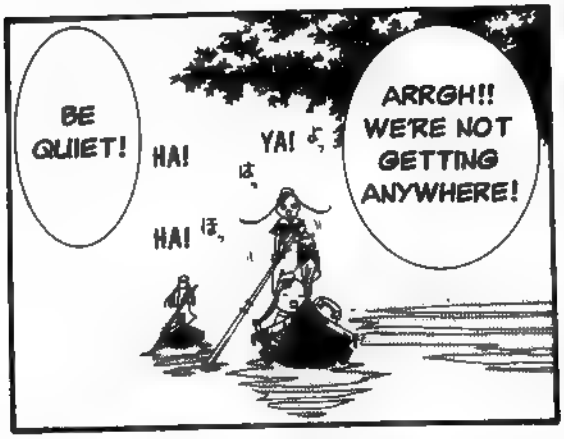
TWEEET


BE QUIET!
HA!
YA!
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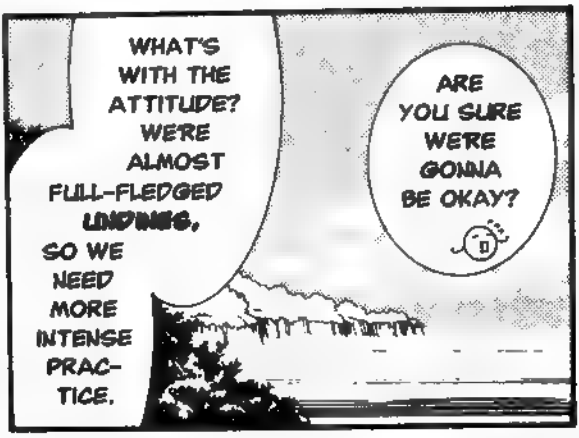
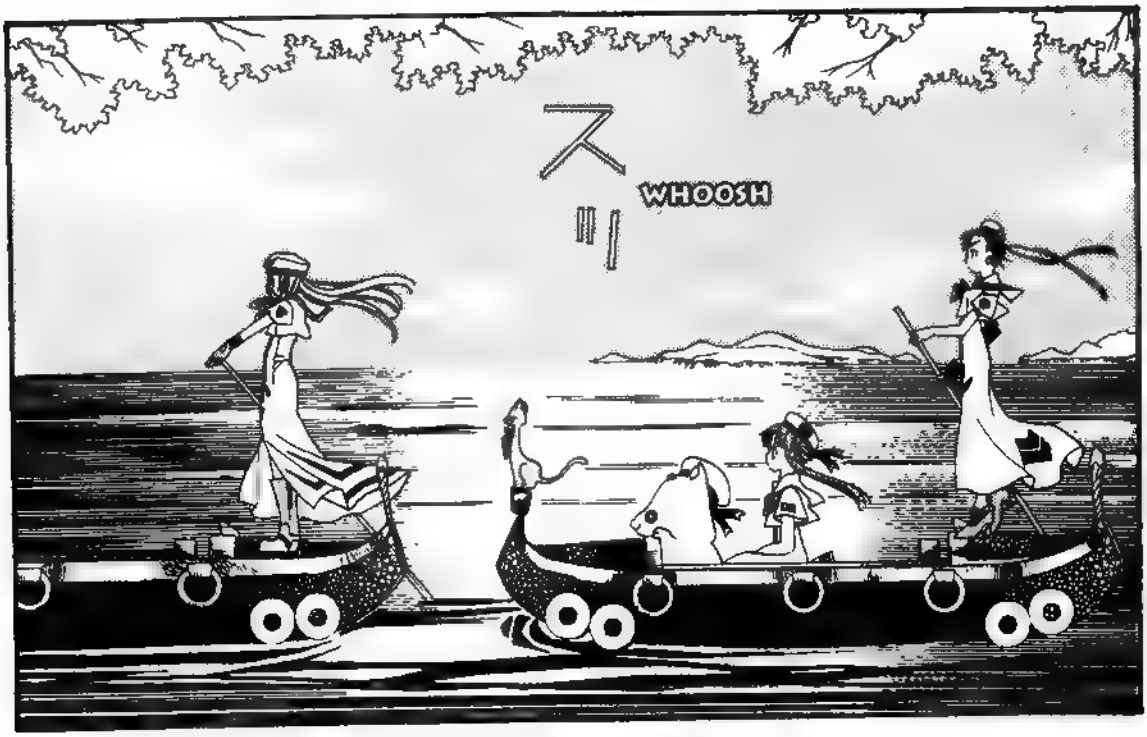
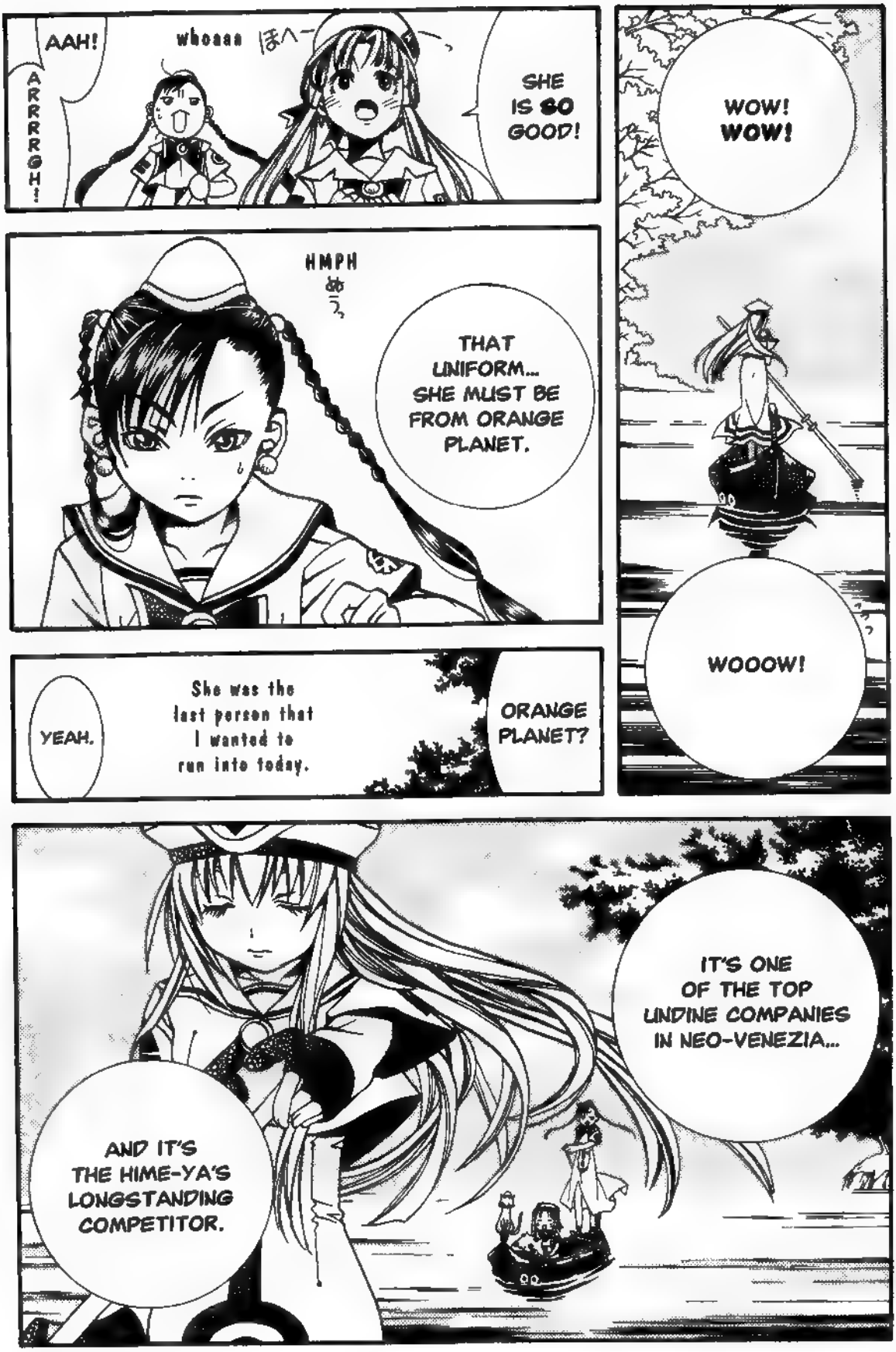
ARRGH!! WE'RE NOT GETTING ANYWHERE!


WHAT'S WITH THE ATTITUDE? WE'RE ALMOST FULL-FLEDGED LINEMEN, SO WE NEED MORE INTENSE PRAC-TICE.
ARE YOU SURE WE'RE GONNA BE OKAY?


WHOOSH

ZWSH
WHOA!


AAH!
whoaaa ほへー
ARRRRGH!
SHE IS SO GOOD!
WOW! WOW!
HMPH
THAT UNIFORM... SHE MUST BE FROM ORANGE PLANET.
WOOOW!
YEAH.
She was the last person that I wanted to run into today.
ORANGE PLANET?
IT'S ONE OF THE TOP UNDINE COMPANIES IN NEO-VENEZIA...
AND IT'S THE HIME-YA'S LONGSTANDING COMPETITOR.

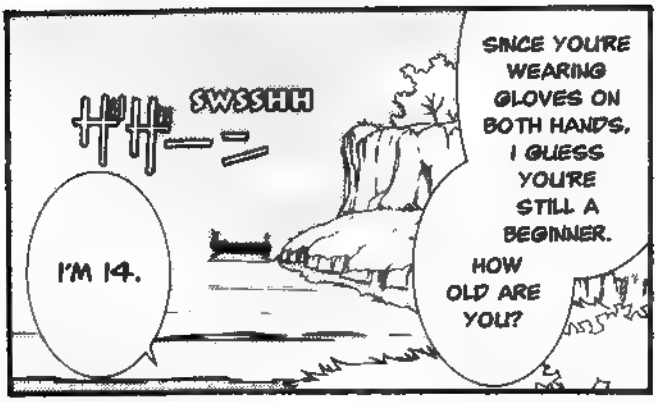
BUT ORANGE PLANET IS A NEW AND POWERFUL PLAYER. IT'S GROWN A LOT SINCE IT OPENED 10 YEARS AGO.
HIME-YA IS A WELL-ESTABLISHED BUSINESS WITH A LONG HISTORY AND TRADITION.
HOW ABOUT ARIA COM-PANY?
HEY, AIKA, AIKA!
THEY HAVE A LARGE STAFF, JUST LIKE HIME-YA.
We're being swept away...
I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT THEIR PROFITS HAVE OUT-STRIPPED HIME-YA FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.
THEY'RE ONE OF THE TOP UNDINE BUSI-NESSES IN THIS TOWN.
Really?
Ha! Ya! Ho!
EXCITED
WE DO GOOD BUSI-NESS, RIGHT?
HMM...
GONG
You guys have only two employees.
WHAAAAA?
KEEP ON DREAMING.

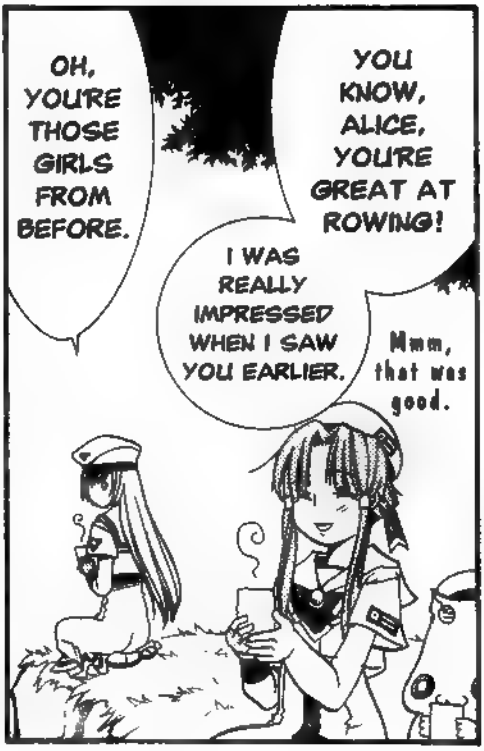
HUH?
FLAP
へたっ
I'm tired. You row on the way back, Akari.
WHOOPEE!
HOP HOP
えっほ
えっほ
I GUESS SHE USES THIS AREA FOR PRACTICE, TOO.
grrr
.....
HEY, THAT'S THE GIRL!
SWISHH
AAAH!
What the?!
HELLO THERE!

HELLO.
TURN
...
WHAT ARE YOU INVITING HER FOR?
BECAUSE!
Ouch.
WHOMP
HEY! WANNA HAVE LUNCH WITH US?
WHAT?!
WHAT'S WITH THE ATTI-TUDE?

WOULDN'T IT BE FUN IF WE ALL TALKED ABOUT ROWING?
EXCITED
SHE'S WEARING GLOVES ON BOTH HANDS, SO SHE'S STILL A BEGINNER.
BUT SHE'S GOT GREAT SKILLS!
LET'S ALL HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER!
DON'T YOU THINK?
Whatever...
WILL YOU LEAVE ME ALONE?
IT'S MUCH BETTER THAN EATING BY YOURSELF!
EXCUSE ME, BUT...
SORRY 'BOUT THAT. BUT WE'RE ALREADY HERE, SO...
Uhh...

.....
And President Aria and President Himeo
I'M AKARI MIZUNASHI FROM ARIA COMPANY,
AND SHE'S AIKA FROM HIME-YA!
NICE TO MEET YOU!
SWSSHHH
Good grief.
HELLO.
I'M ALICE FROM ORANGE PLANET.


SWSSHH
I'M 14.
SINCE YOU'RE WEARING GLOVES ON BOTH HANDS, I GUESS YOU'RE STILL A BEGINNER.
HOW OLD ARE YOU?


OH, YOU'RE THOSE GIRLS FROM BEFORE.
YOU KNOW, ALICE, YOU'RE GREAT AT ROWING!
I WAS REALLY IMPRESSED WHEN I SAW YOU EARLIER.
Mmm, that was good.

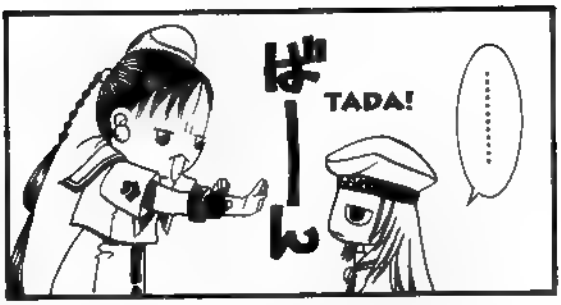
YES, I'M IN 8TH GRADE.
WHA... SO, YOU'RE STILL IN SCHOOL?

.....
WELL, IT'S NOT THAT BAD.
I SEE. THAT MUST BE HARD.

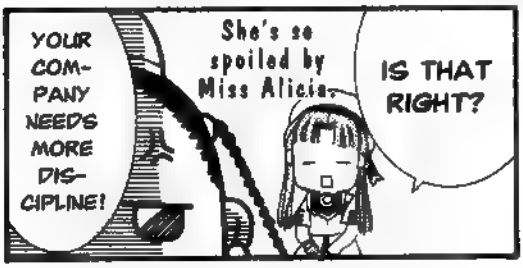
YES. I MANAGE MY TIME SO I CAN TRAIN AT ORANGE PLANET.
SO, YOU'RE DOING THIS AND GOING TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY?!

WRAM!
YOU SEE THIS?
ALRIGHT! THAT'S ENOUGH!

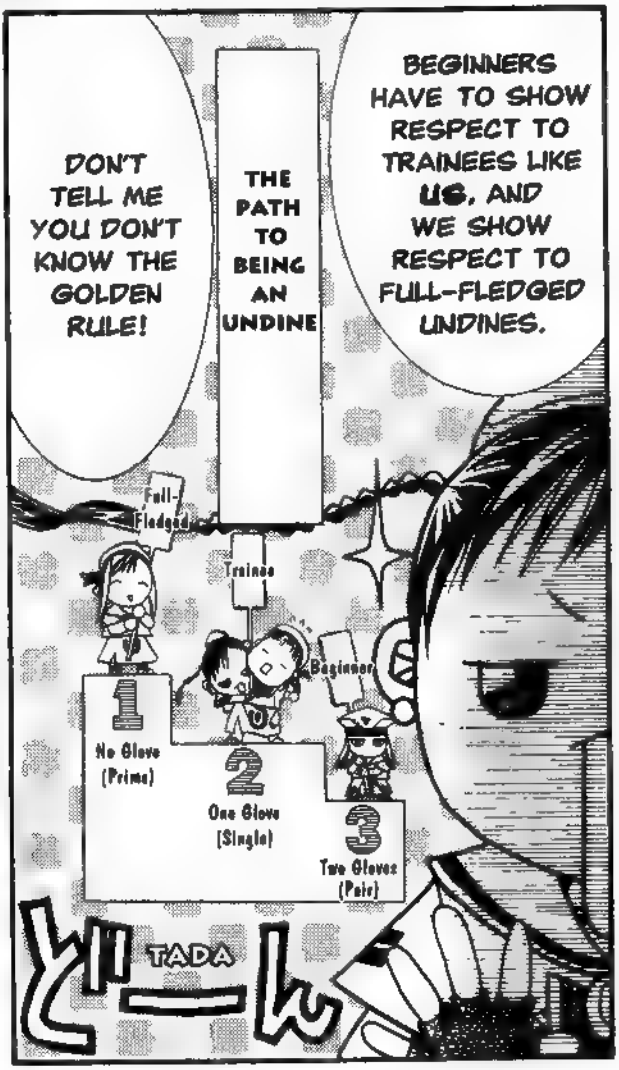
YOU WEAR TWO GLOVES, SO YOU'RE JUST BEGINNING.
WE ONLY WEAR ONE GLOVE, SO THAT MEANS WE'RE HALF-WAY THERE.
BAM BAM


TADA!

NO!! THAT'S NOT IT!
YOU HAVE A SHORT LIFE LINE.

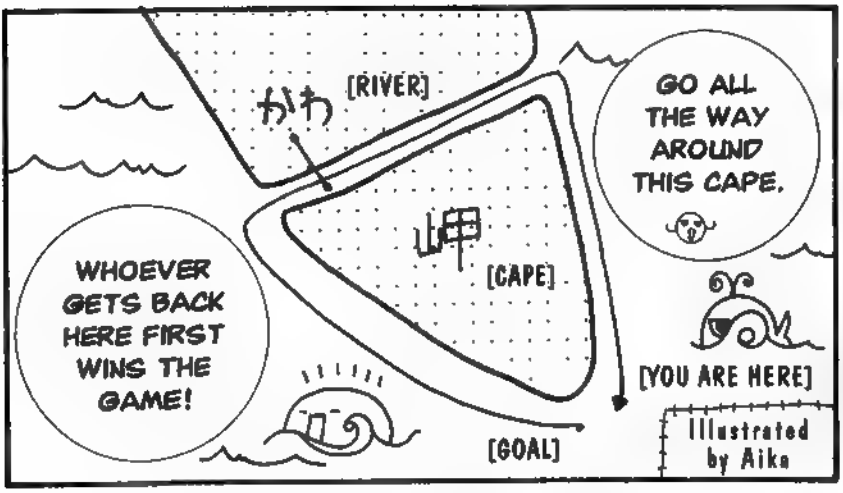

YOUR COMPANY NEEDS MORE DISCIPLINE!
She's so spoiled by Miss Alicia.
IS THAT RIGHT?

HUH? MISS TWO-GLOVE WEARIN' ...!
DUH-DUUUUUM
HEY, WHY AREN'T YOU SAYIN' ANYTHING? YOU'RE SO RUDE!


DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T KNOW THE GOLDEN RULE!
THE PATH TO BEING AN UNDINE
BEGINNERS HAVE TO SHOW RESPECT TO TRAINEES LIKE US, AND WE SHOW RESPECT TO FULL-FLEDGED UNDINES.
Full-Fledged
Trainee
Beginner
1
No Glove (Prima)
2
One Glove (Single)
3
Two Gloves (Pair)
TADA

I GUESS I'M DISGRACING THE PEOPLE...
HMM?
WHO WEAR ONE GLOVE OR NO GLOVES.
I'M TOO TALENTED FOR A BEGINNER. IT'S ALL MY FAULT.
I'M SORRY.
YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.
HUH?
I APOLOGIZE.
JUST LEAVE ME THE HELL ALONE!
HUMPH!!
IS JEALOUS OF ME, TOO.
EVERY-ONE AT ORANGE PLANET...
HEY, YOU! WAIT A MINUTE!
SER-IOUSLY.
Heeey!

YOU AND ME, YOU TWO-GLOVE BRAT!
SNAP!
HEY!
RUSTLE
THE POWER OF ONE GLOVE!
WHAT AN AMATEUR YOU ARE IN THIS GAME!
I, WITH ONE GLOVE, WILL SHOW YOU
OH MY GOD!
I GLADLY ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE.
NO PROBLEM.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[RIVER]
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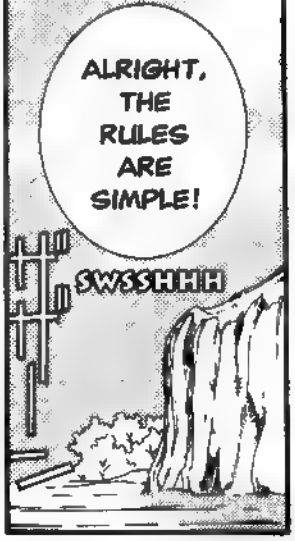
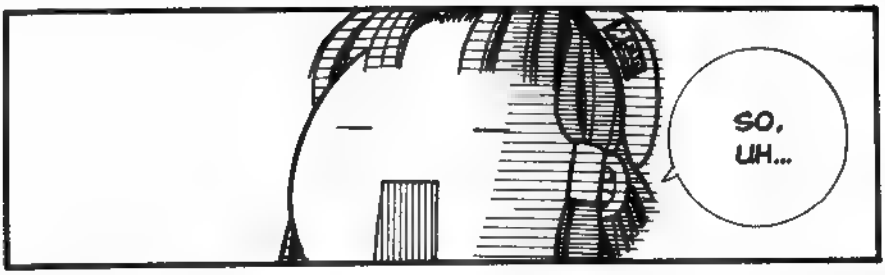
[CAPE]
WHOEVER GETS BACK HERE FIRST WINS THE GAME!
GO ALL THE WAY AROUND THIS CAPE.
[YOU ARE HERE]
[GOAL]
Illustrated by Aika


ALRIGHT, THE RULES ARE SIMPLE!
SWSSHHH


SO, UH...

Whaaat?
GRIN
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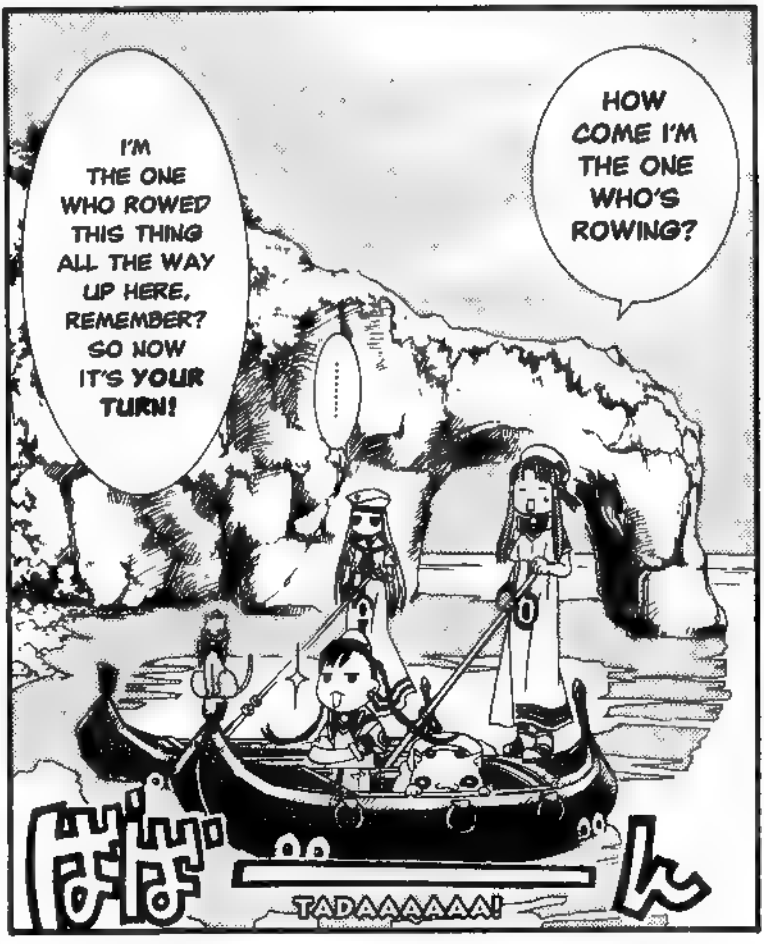
OH, I GUESS I SHOULD GIVE YOU A HANDI-CAP.
WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE AND TWO CATS. YOU ONLY HAVE ONE PERSON.


HOW COME I'M THE ONE WHO'S ROWING?
I'M THE ONE WHO ROWED THIS THING ALL THE WAY UP HERE, REMEMBER? SO NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!
TADAAAAAA!

HUH.
IT'S NOT A PROBLEM FOR US... WE OF THE ONE GLOVE!

GO!
SWSSHHH
OKAY, LET'S DO THIS!
ON YOUR MARK!
GET SET!
COME ON, AKARI! GET IT TOGETHER!
I'M DOING THE BEST I CAN!
WHOA! ALICE IS FLYING!
GRRR...
!

YOU SEE, WE'RE ONLY DOING THIS TO HELP THE POOR GIRL OUT.
IF SHE DOESN'T STRAIGHTEN OUT HER ATTITUDE NOW, SHE'LL HAVE A HARD TIME LATER.
ええ Whaaat?
THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE TO MAKE HER REALIZE SHE HAS A SERIOUS PROBLEM!
No wonder it's for experts.
JUST CHILLIN'
の居居ーーん
HMMM... IT REALLY IS HARD TO DO THIS HERE.
THE TIDE'S HARD TO READ. ♥
DAMN IT!! REVERSE ROW! REVERSE ROW!
NO WAY! I'VE NEVER HEARD THAT YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO REVERSE ROW WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE CUSTOMERS!
WHAT? BUT ISN'T THAT CHEATING?
I DON'T SEE THEM.
TWEET TWEET TWEET
チュー!!
チュー
CHIRP CHIRP
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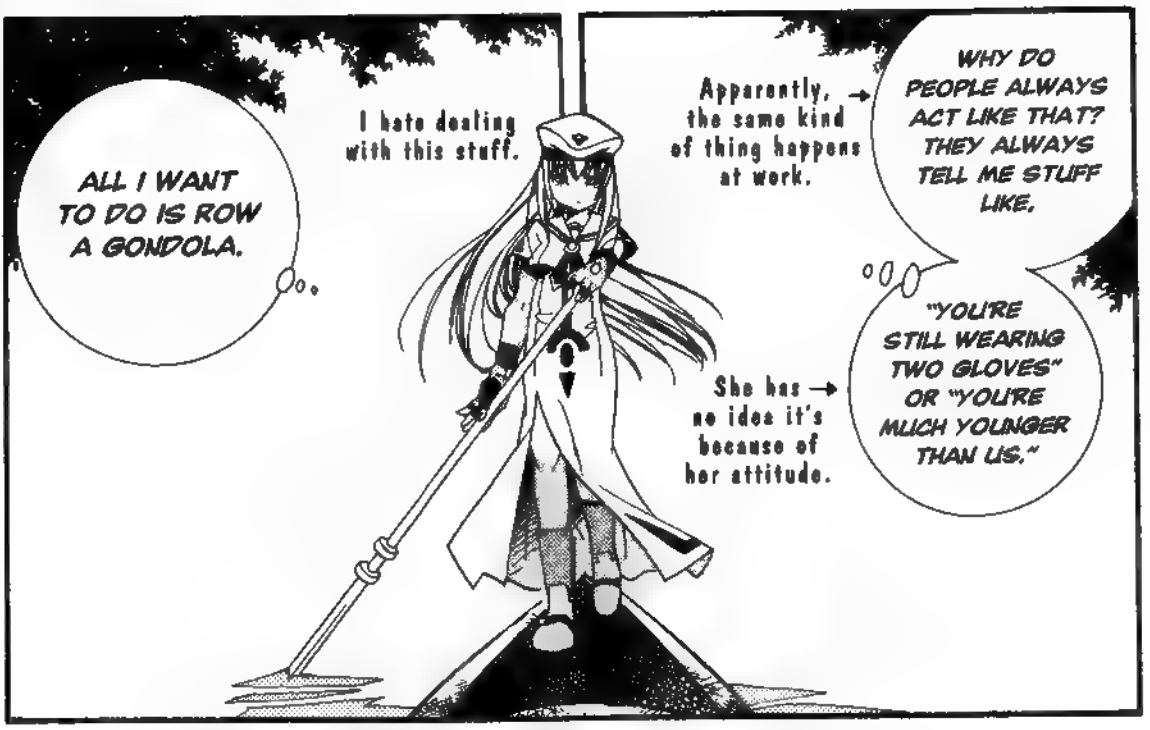
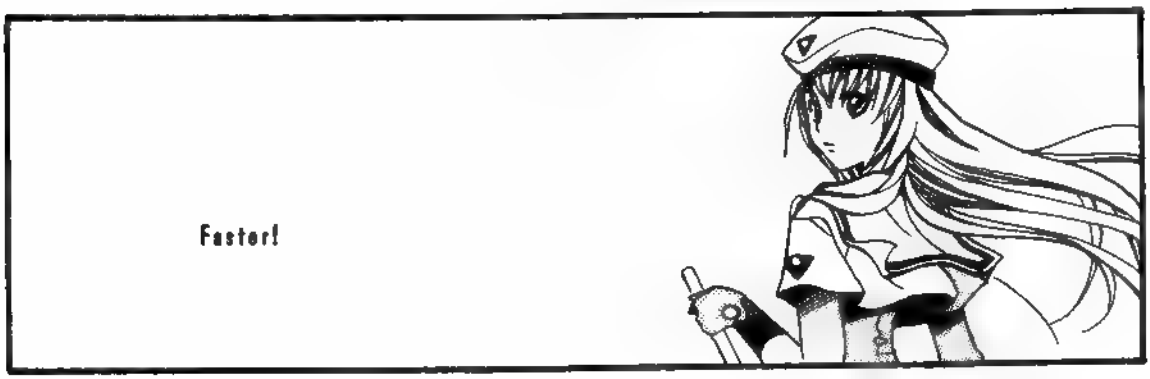
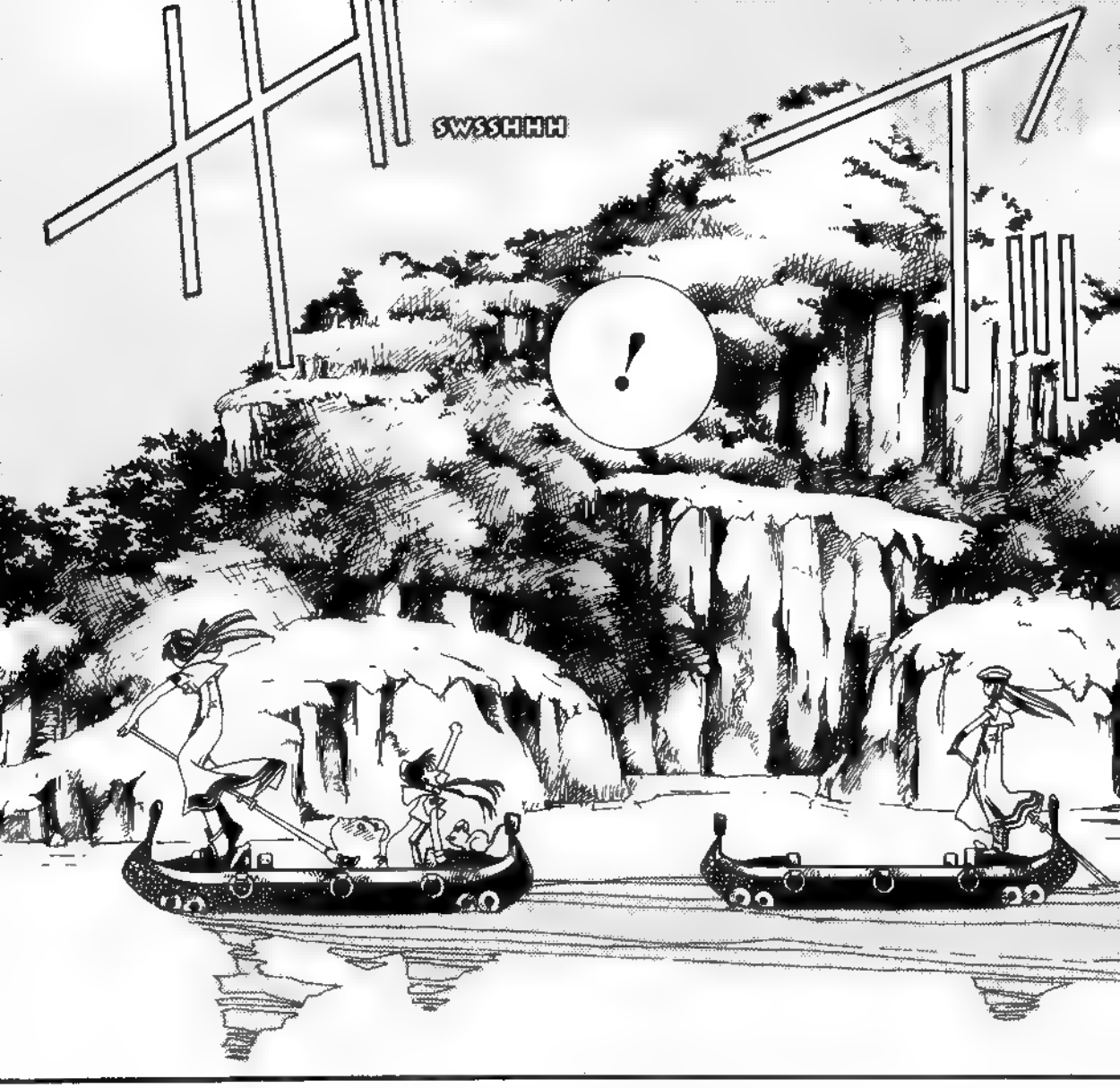

ALL I WANT TO DO IS ROW A GONDOLA.
I hate dealing with this stuff.
Apparently, the same kind of thing happens at work.
WHY DO PEOPLE ALWAYS ACT LIKE THAT? THEY ALWAYS TELL ME STUFF LIKE,
"YOU'RE STILL WEARING TWO GLOVES" OR "YOU'RE MUCH YOUNGER THAN US."
She has no idea it's because of her attitude.

Yaaaaaaa!

Goooooo!


Faster!


SWISHHH
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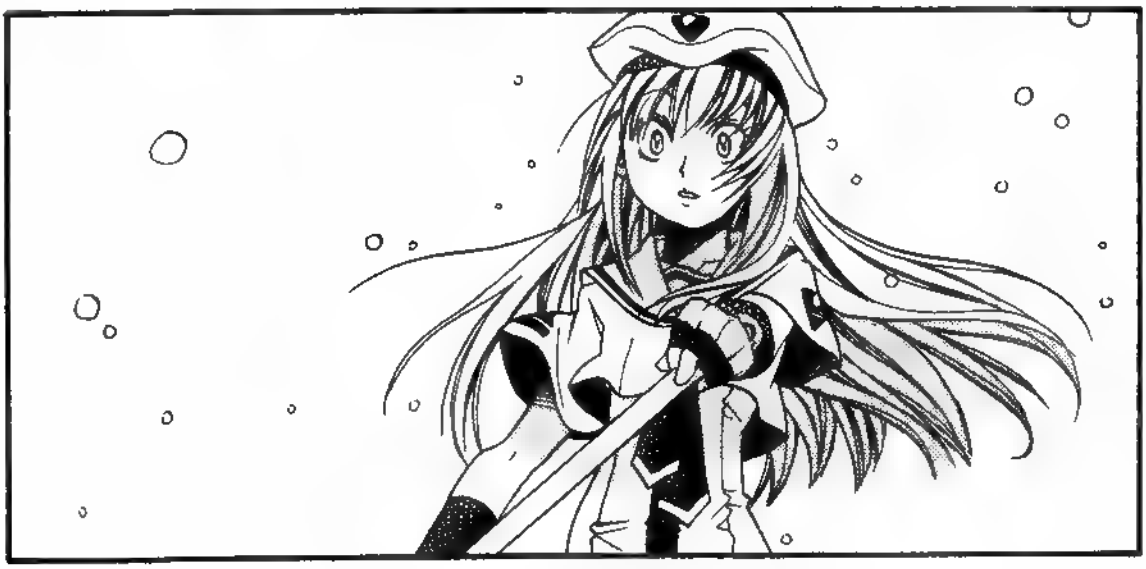
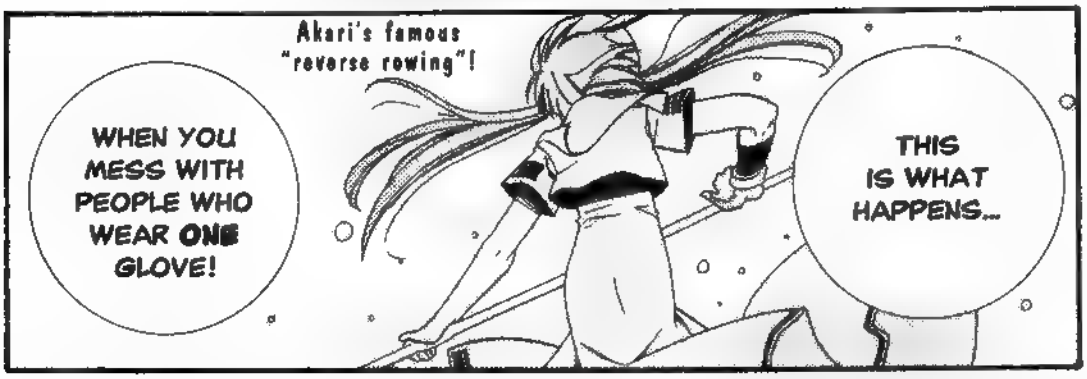
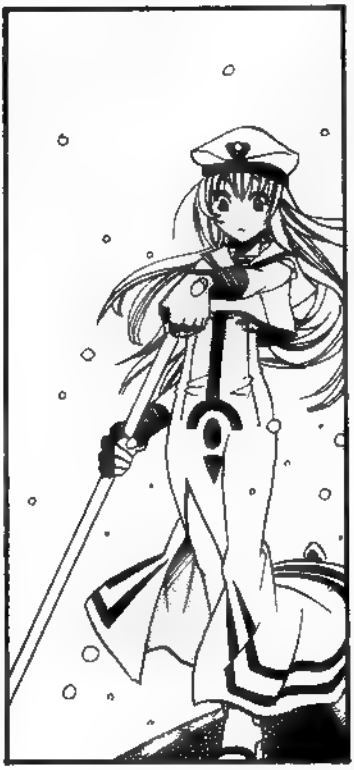


HOW 'BOUT THIS, MISS TWO-GLOVE?


Akari's famous "reverse rowing"!
WHEN YOU MESS WITH PEOPLE WHO WEAR ONE GLOVE!
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS...

GO!



PBBPFFFT!

SWSSHH
tweet
tweeeet
YAY! YAY!
MAYBE THEY WENT HOME.
THIS IS THE GOAL, ISN'T IT?
NO ONE'S HERE.
WHOOPEE!
GOAL!!
Finally...

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
.....
UH... YEAH.
HEH HEH. WE LOST.
EXHAUSTED
IF YOU LOST ON PURPOSE,
YOU'RE NOT DOING ME ANY FAVORS.
NAH. IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
BECAUSE IT'S SPRING! RIGHT, ALICE?
HAPPY HAPPY
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
FULL
FLOWERS?

LOOK, ALICE!
AREN'T THEY PRETTY?
SHE COMPLETELY FORGOT WE WERE RACING.
I TRIED TO STOP HER SO MANY TIMES, BUT...
Yaaay!
Turn around now!
WHA?
EXHAUSTED
WE TOOK A SIDE TRIP TO ENJOY THE FLOWERS!
.....
LET'S GO PICK MORE LATER, TOGETHER!
THERE'RE A BUNCH OF THEM BEHIND THOSE ROCKS.
WHAT?
UH... YES!
ARE YOU HAVING FUN?

DON'T YOU JUST LOVE–
It's been getting nice and warm lately...
ROWING A GONDOLA?

WHEN I SAW YOU ROWING, I COULD TELL THAT...
She was being sarcastic.
YOU REALLY ENJOY IT, TOO!

ALICE!

THAT WAS THE FIRST BIG GALE OF SPRING!

WHOOSH

!

Whee!

.....
WHY?
TACKY COMMENTS PROHIBITED!
FWP!
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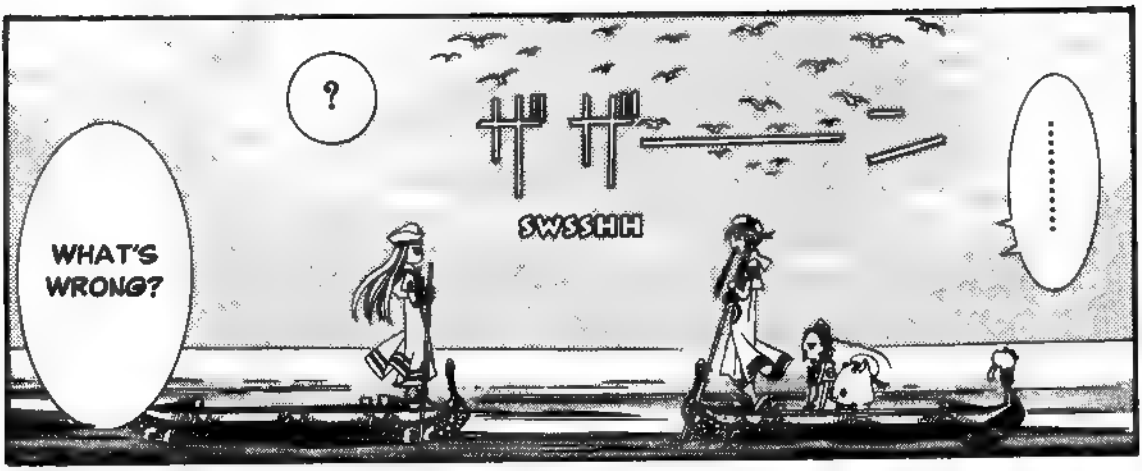
YOU'RE RIGHT.
IT REALLY WAS THE FIRST BIG GALE OF SPRING!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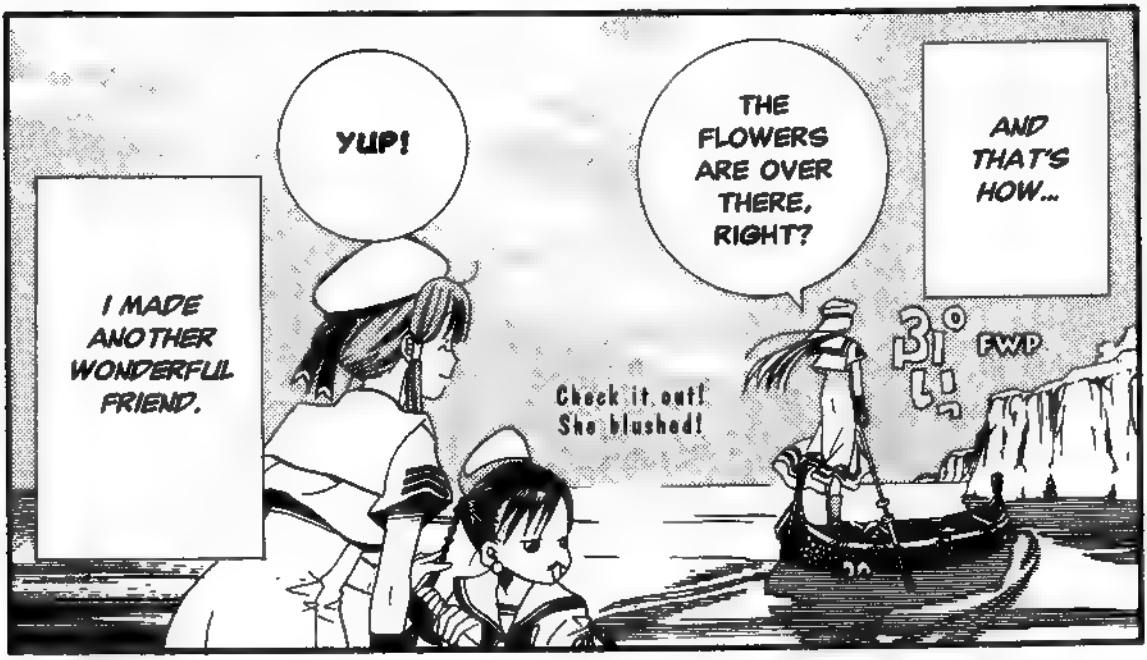
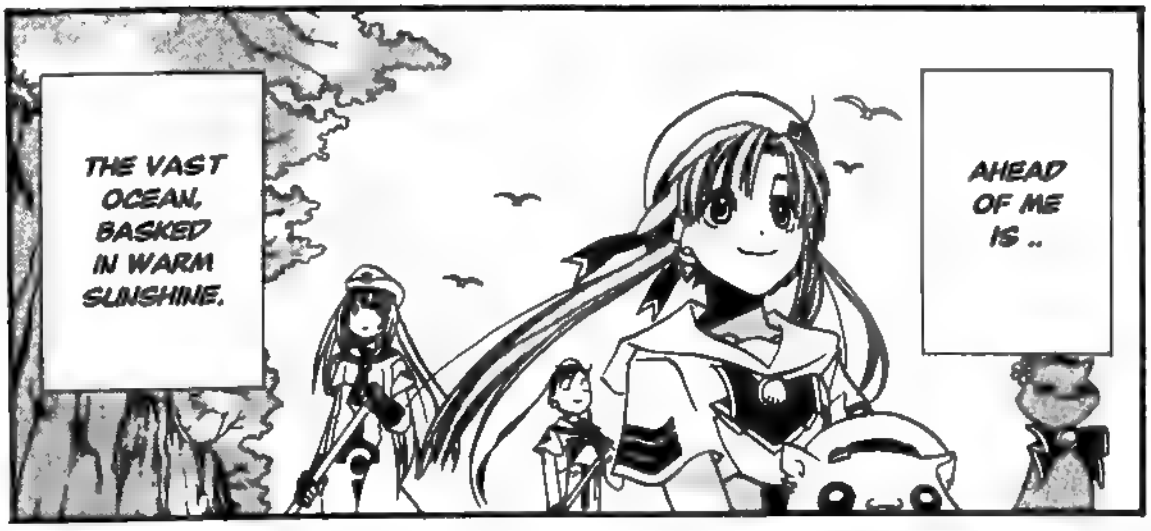
WHAT'S WRONG?
SWSSHH
.....

?

I GUESS SHE'S NOT THAT BAD AFTER ALL.
heh heh heh
OH, NOTHING.

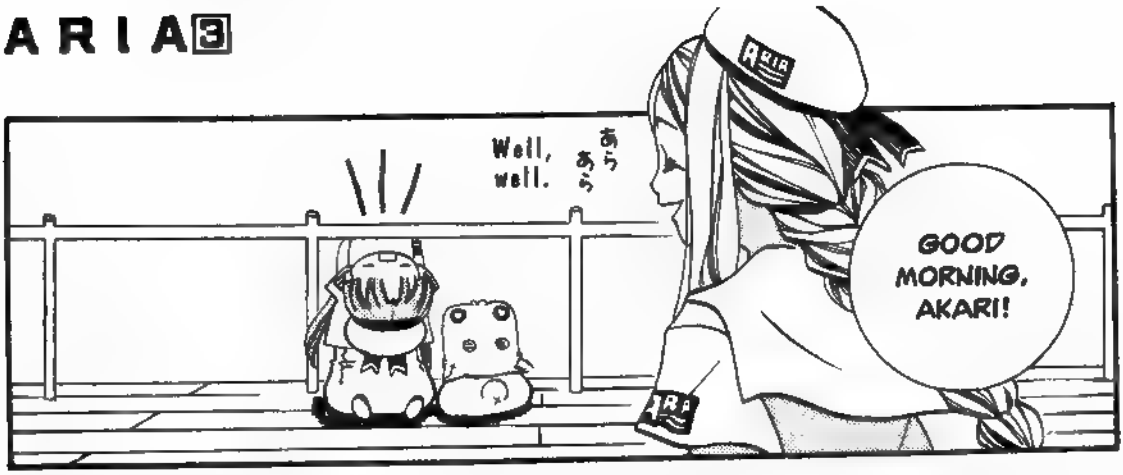

I MADE ANOTHER WONDERFUL FRIEND.
YUP!
THE FLOWERS ARE OVER THERE, RIGHT?
AND THAT'S HOW...
Check it out! She blushed!
FWD


THE VAST OCEAN, BASKED IN WARM SUNSHINE.
AHEAD OF ME IS ..

MY SECOND SPRING ON AQUA...
IS SPENT CELEBRATING OUR WONDERFUL ENCOUNTER.

Navigation 12
UNDER THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS IN FULL BLOOM

HOW ARE YOU?
SWSSHH
WARM AND
TOASTY
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A BEAUTIFUL SPRING...
WE ENJOY BASKING...
BASKIN'
SUN
IN THE GENTLE, WARM SUNSHINE.
IN THE
HERE IN THE TOWN OF NEO-VENEZIA.


Well, well.
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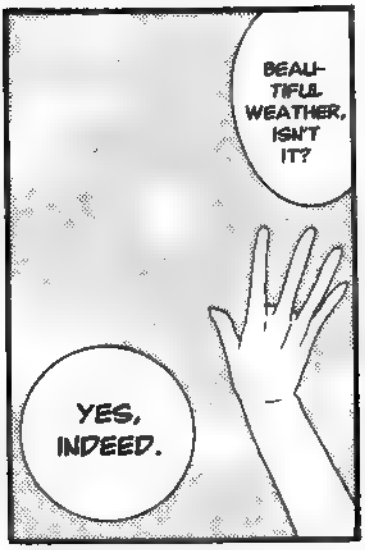
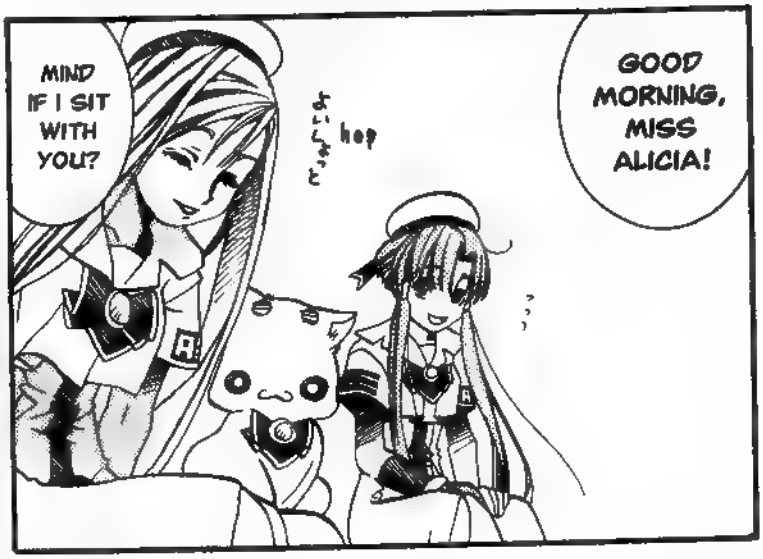
GOOD MORNING, AKARI!


BEAUTIFUL WEATHER, ISN'T IT?
YES, INDEED.


MIND IF I SIT WITH YOU?
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GOOD MORNING, MISS ALICIA!

RUSTLE
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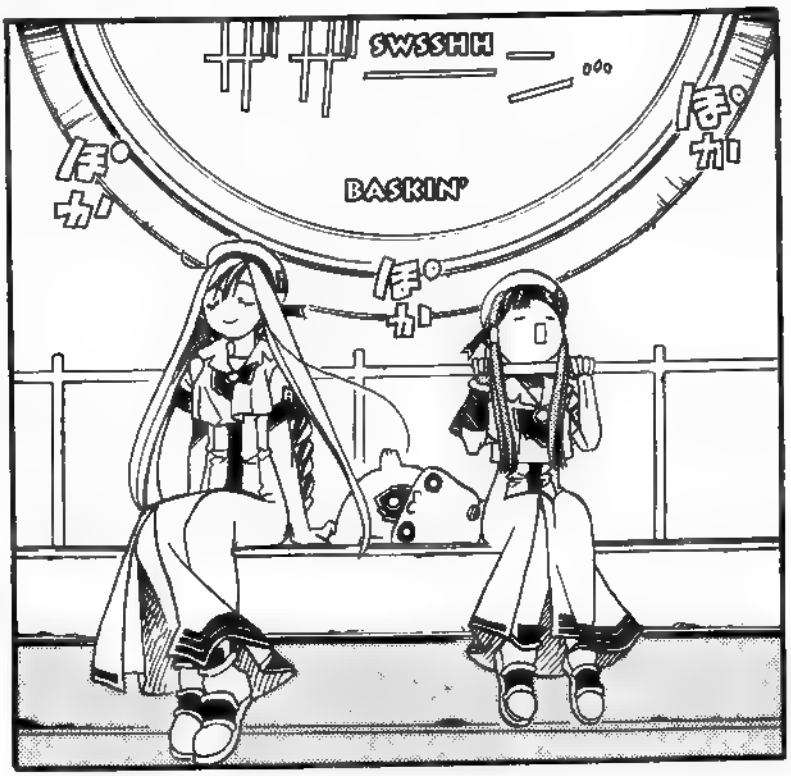
SWSSHH
BASKIN'
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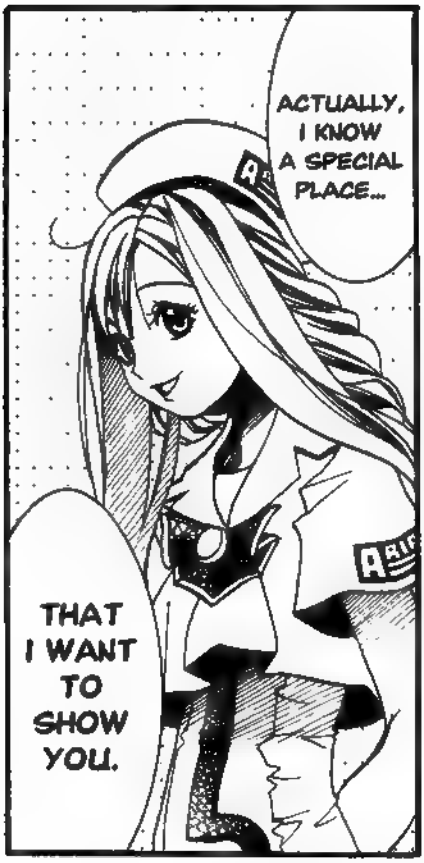
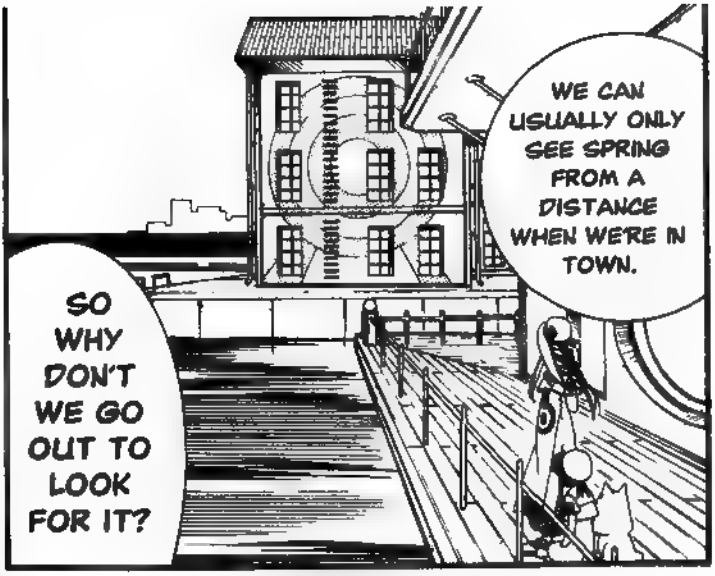
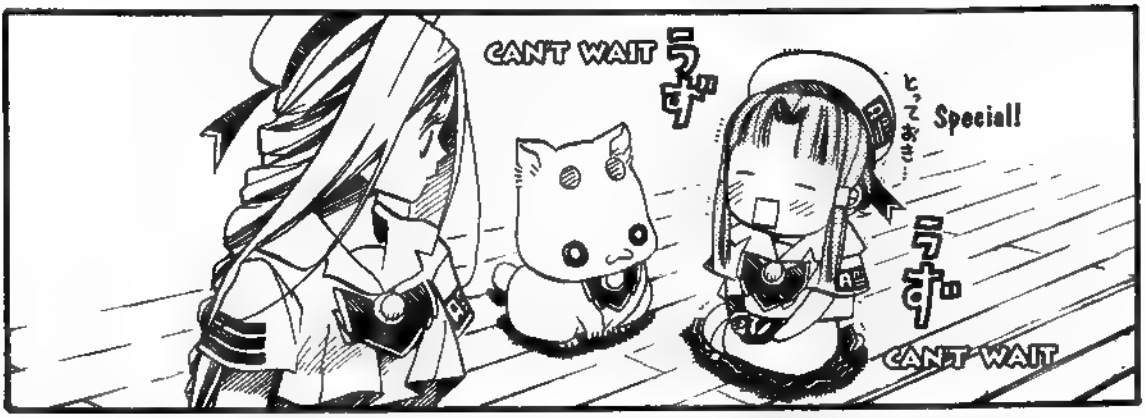
ほっカ

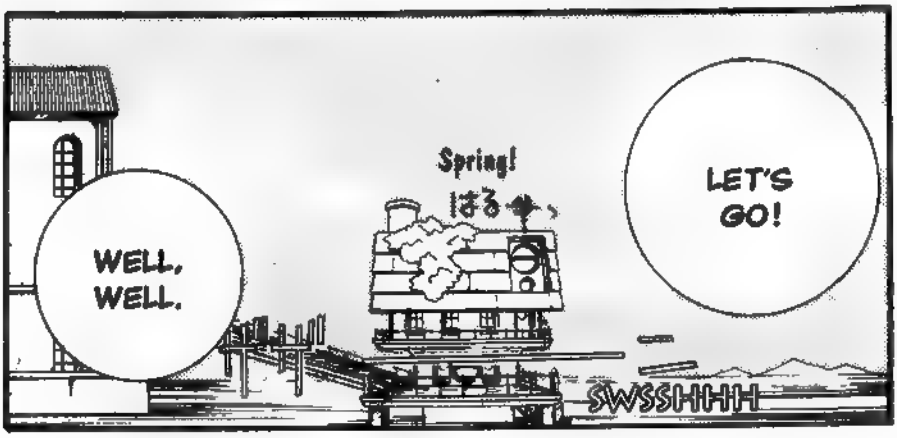
HUH? LOOK FOR "SPRING"?
YES. SPRING. ♡
ON OUR NEXT DAY OFF,
DO YOU WANNA GO LOOK FOR SPRING TOGETHER?
OH YEAH! AKARI...
...
MOUNTAINS COVERED BY A MANTLE OF FRESH GREEN...
OR AN EMERALD GREEN OCEAN.
IT'S NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY.
FOR EXAMPLE, A HAZY BLUE SKY...


ACTUALLY, I KNOW A SPECIAL PLACE...
THAT I WANT TO SHOW YOU.


WE CAN USUALLY ONLY SEE SPRING FROM A DISTANCE WHEN WE'RE IN TOWN.
SO WHY DON'T WE GO OUT TO LOOK FOR IT?

WE'LL PACK A BASKET WITH LOTS OF FOOD, JUST LIKE A PICNIC!


CAN'T WAIT
Special!
CAN'T WAIT

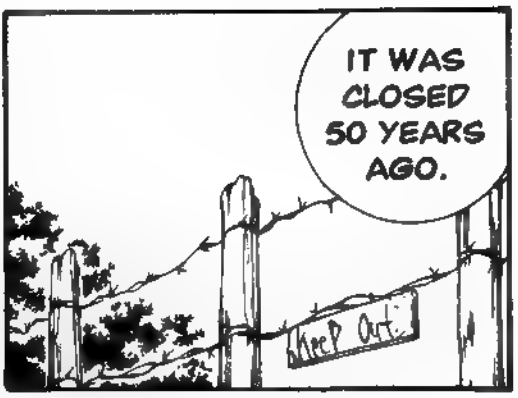

WELL, WELL.
Spring!
LET'S GO!
SWSSHHHH

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
IT'S A PERFECT DAY FOR A PICNIC!
YES, IT IS.
I'M SO EXCITED! IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE ON AN EXPEDITION!
WELL, WELL.
WELL THEN, CAPTAIN. WOULD YOU ROW ONTO THAT SHORE?
AYE, AYE, SIR!
SALUTE!
WELL, WELL.

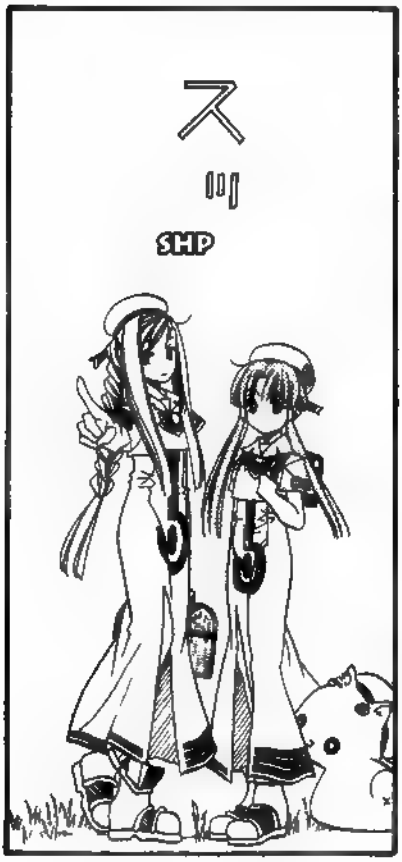
HRMPH.
HRMPH.
SWISHH
WE'RE HERE, AKARI.
chirp
chirp
tweet
tweet
tweet
HEH HEH HEH.
WHAT A PRETTY FOREST.

WHOA!
WHAT'S THIS BUILDING?
IT USED TO BE A FREIGHT TRAIN STATION.
IT WAS USED BACK DURING AQUA'S EARLY COLONIZATION.

I SEE.
USED THIS RAILROAD FOR TRANS-PORTING LUMBER AND ROCKS.
BACK THEN, THE PEOPLE WORKING ON DEVEL-OPING THIS TOWN


IT WAS CLOSED 50 YEARS AGO.

NOW IT'S JUST AN ABANDONED BUILDING NO ONE VISITS.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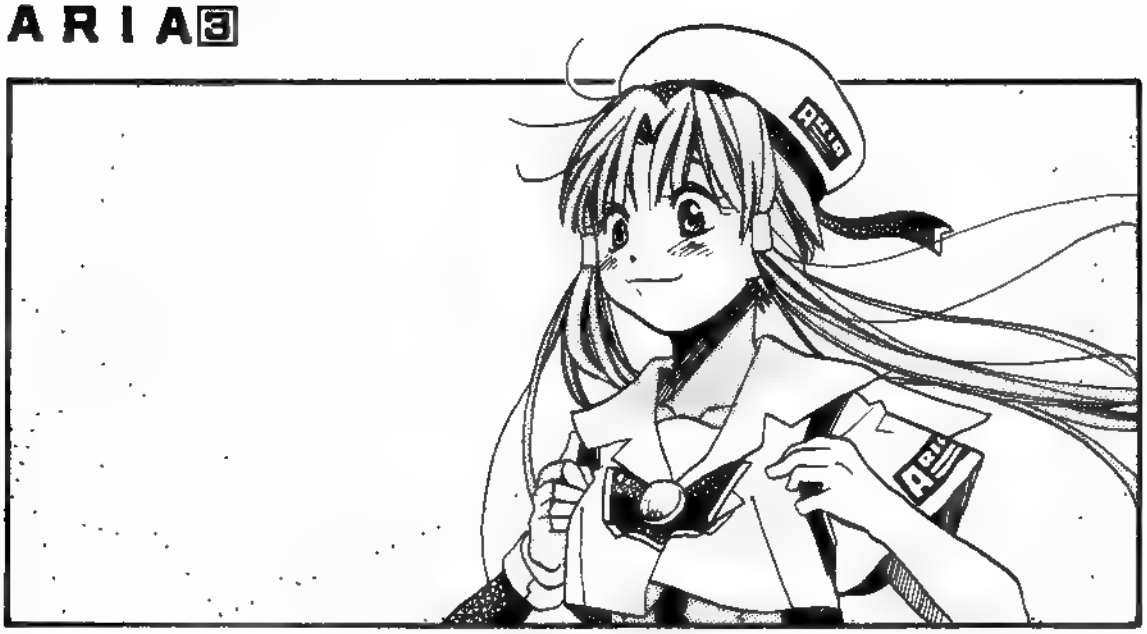
NO, THIS IS THE ENTRANCE. IT'S ONLY THE STARTING POINT.

SO, THIS IS THE PLACE YOU CALLED "SPECIAL"?

NOW WE'RE OFF...
ON OUR EXPEDITION TO SEARCH FOR SPRING!



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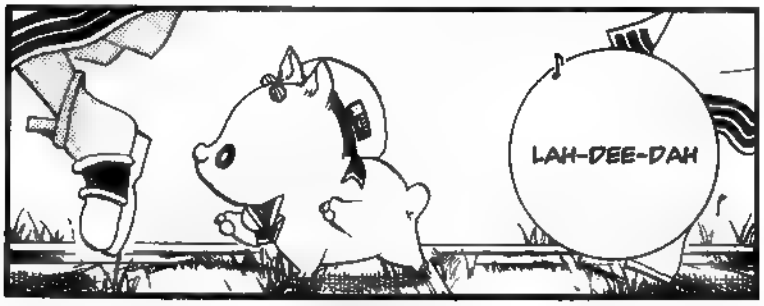
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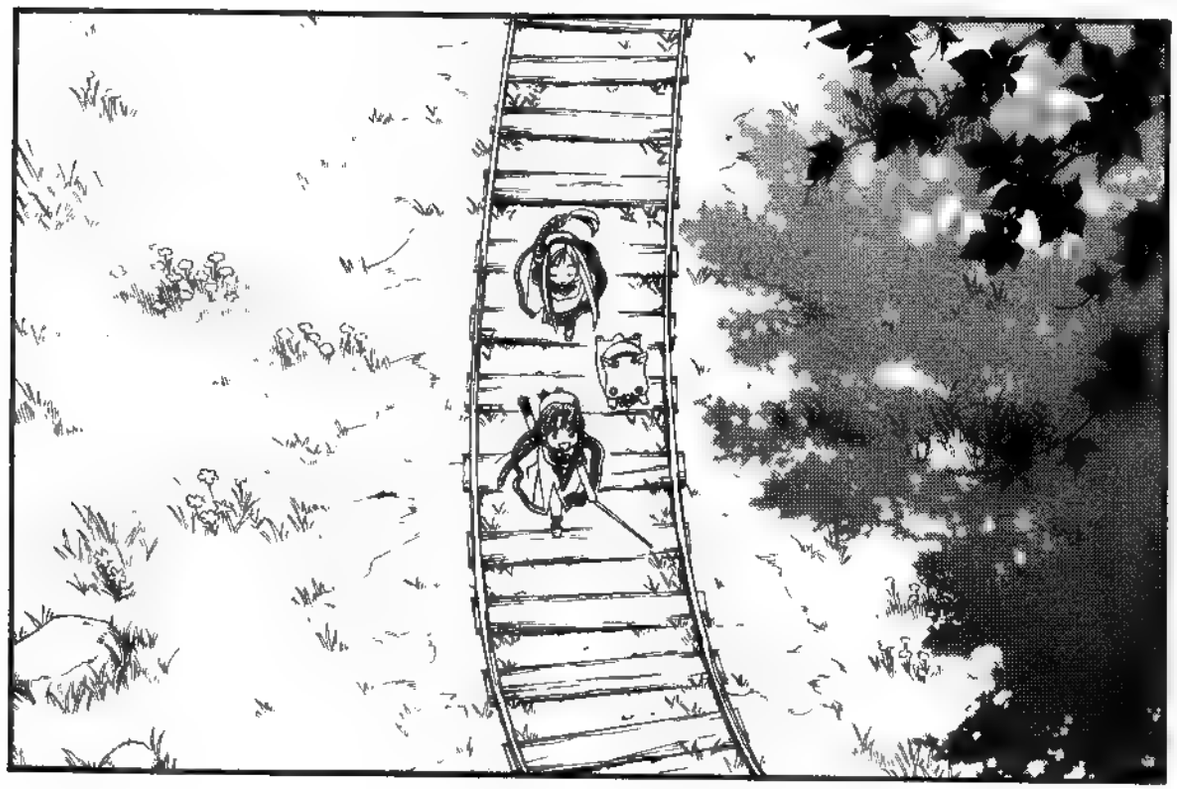
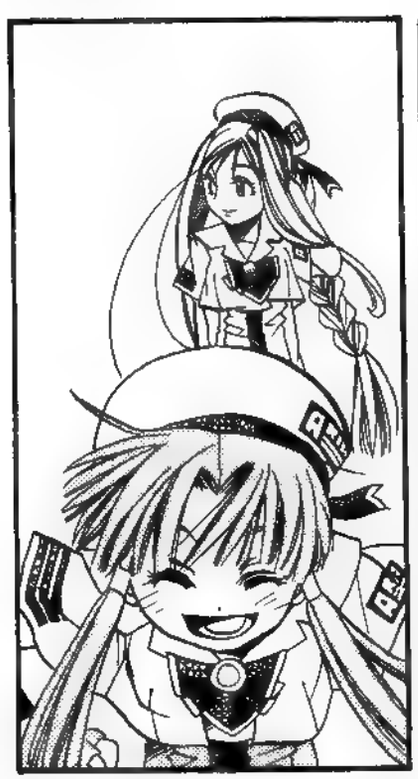
LAH-DEE-DAH
DEE-DAH

SWSSHH
YESSS!

LAH-DEE-DAH!





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TWEET
TWEEET
WELL, WELL. IT'S A FORK.
HMM, WE HAVE A PROBLEM.
I CAN'T REMEMBER WHICH WAY TO GO.
YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
NO.
Sorry...

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I'VE BEEN BROUGHT HERE ONLY ONCE, A LONG TIME AGO.

AT TIMES LIKE THESE, YOU GOTTA DO THIS.
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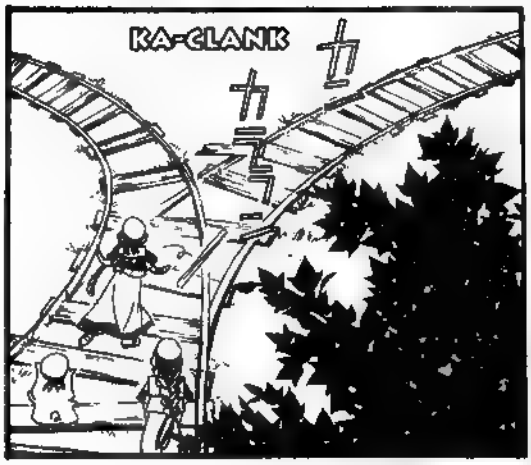
DROP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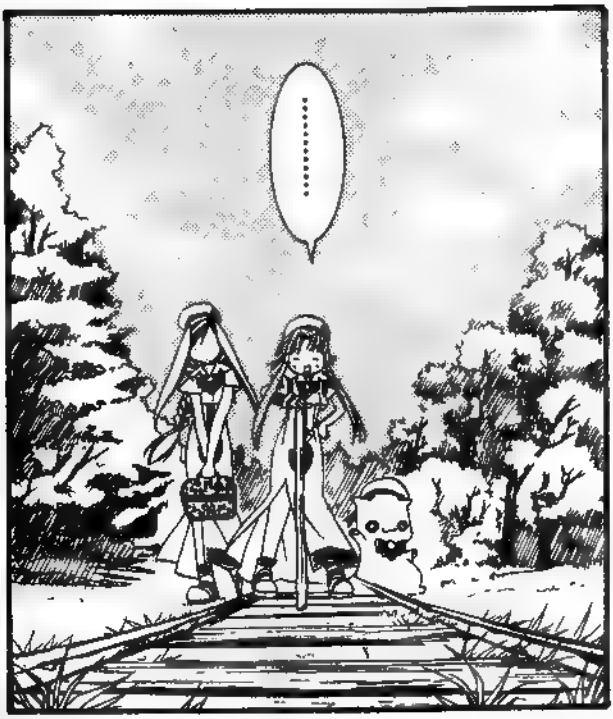
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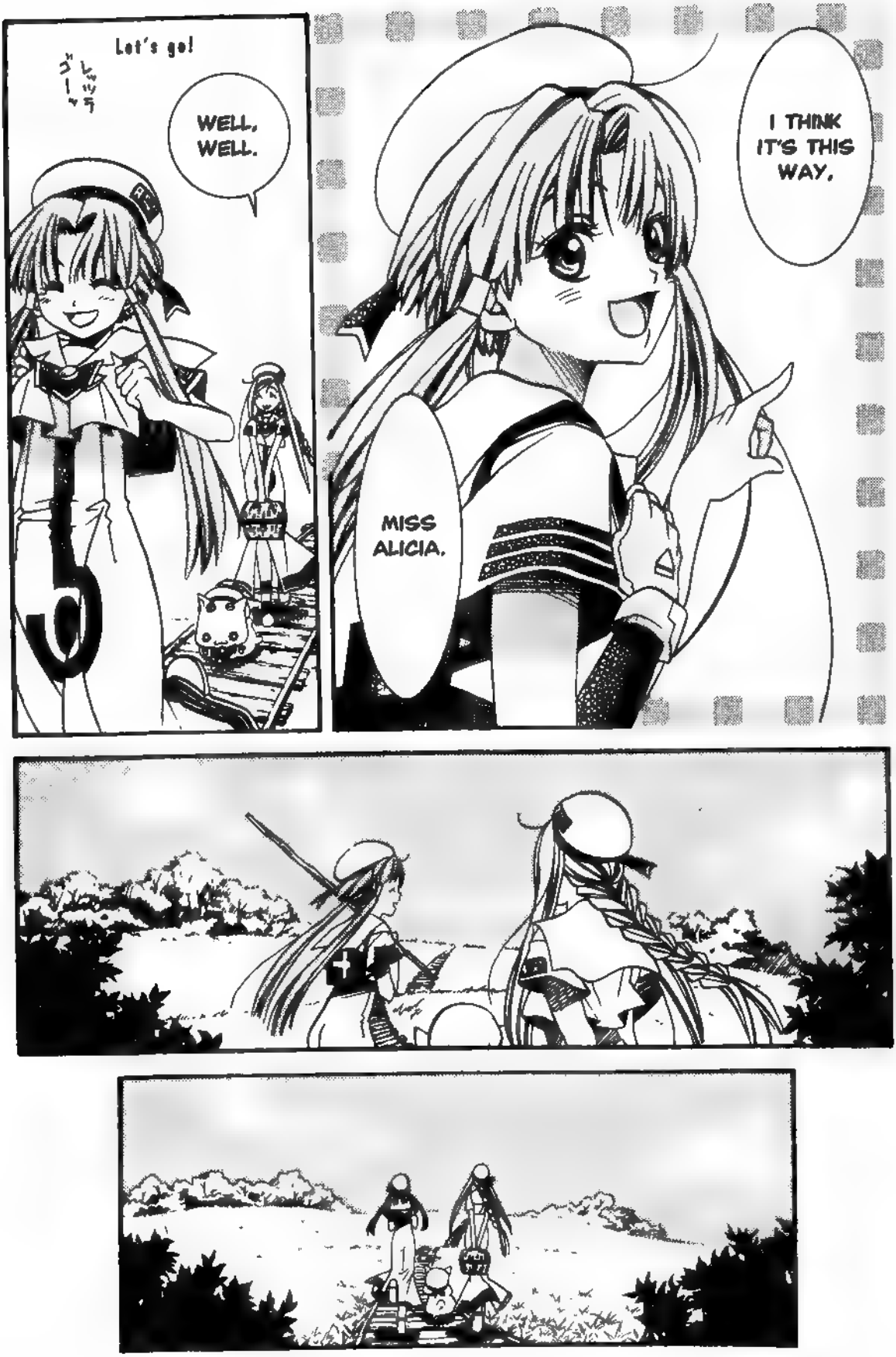
Let's go!
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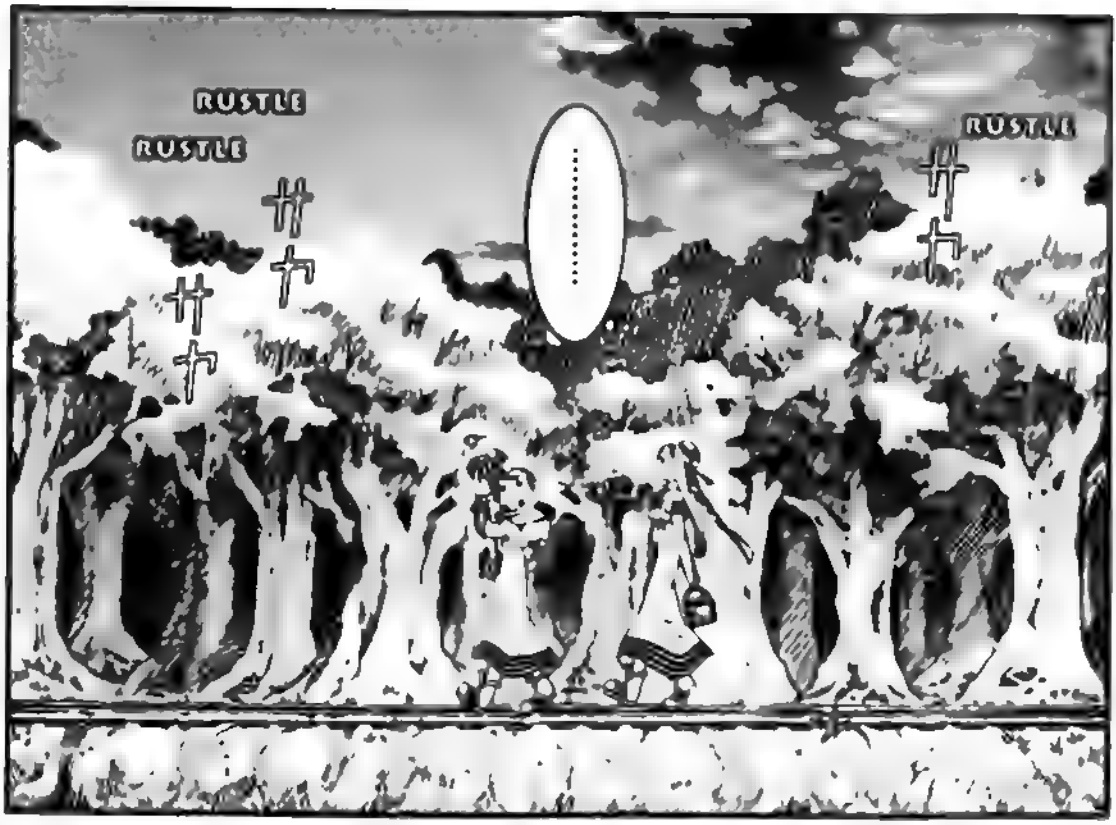
WELL, WELL.
I THINK IT'S THIS WAY.
MISS ALICIA.

CAW CAW


RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
I'M THE ONE WHO PICKED THIS PATH.

I'M SORRY.
I SHOULD'VE REMEMBERED HOW TO GET THERE.

カア
SHINE
カア
SHINE
.....
IT'S GETTING DARK.
WHY DON'T WE GO BACK, AKARI?
LET'S JUST GO UP TO THAT TREE.
CAN WE, MISS ALICIA?
THAT TREE!
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POINT
.....

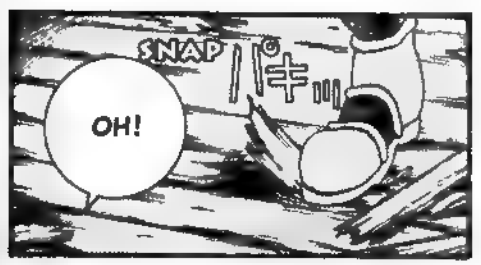
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
RUSTLE
!
OKAY!

WHOA!
WHOOPEE!!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
A CHERRY TREE!
DASH
AN OLD TRAIN CAR.
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN ABANDONED FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS.
WHAT IS THIS?

WOW, THERE'S AN OPENING IN THE ROOF!
HEH HEH HEH.

HAH HAH. ♥
THE FLOOR IS COVERED WITH PETALS BECAUSE OF IT.
NYU!

NO, NOT EXACTLY. BUT THIS IS A NICE PLACE, TOO.
Excited
IS THIS YOUR SPECIAL PLACE?


SNAP
OH!

AKARI, AKARI!

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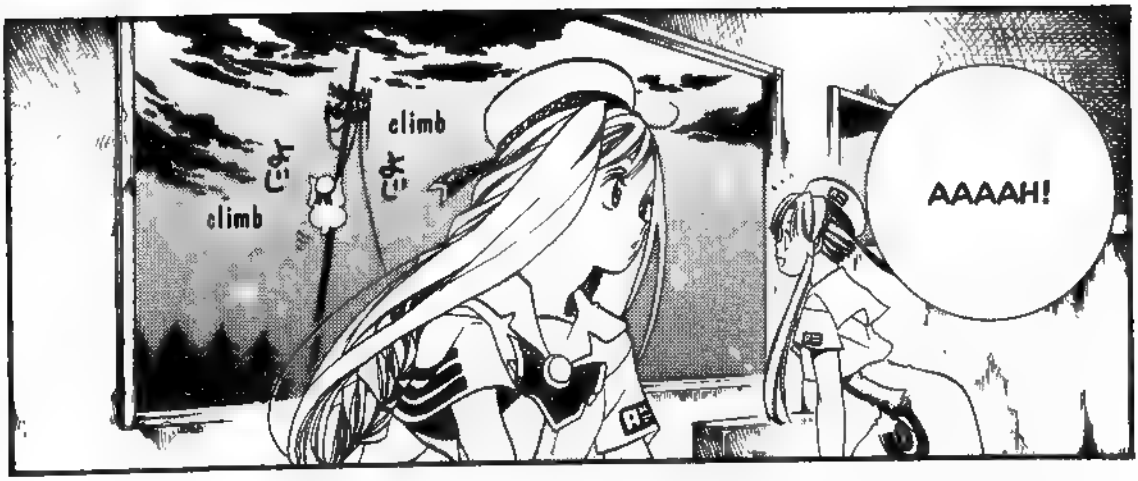
SMILE
RUSTLE
サワ…
FLAP
ファサ
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL.
YES, IT IS.
heavenly
OOP!
FWOMP

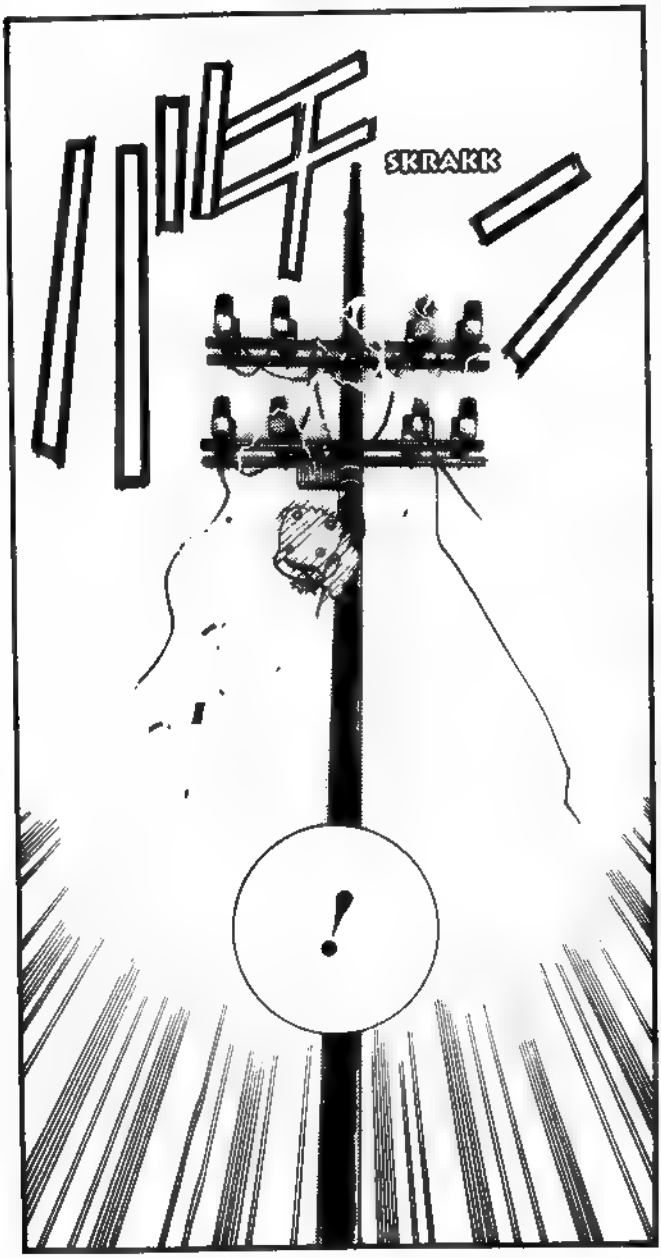
WELL, WELL.
I'm going to come every chance I get!
THAT'S GOING TO CHANGE THIS YEAR!
I GUESS THIS TREE HAS BEEN ALONE FOR DECADES...
IN SUCH A LOVELY PLACE.
AKARI, HAVE YOU HEARD THIS STORY?
SLUMP
"DO NOT LOSE YOUR PATH."
LONG AGO, THERE WAS A TRAVELER. BEFORE HE SET OFF ON HIS JOURNEY, HIS MASTER TOLD HIM,
YOU WILL NEVER FIND WHAT YOU DESIRE."
"IF YOU CHOOSE THE WRONG PATH...
BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THIS TRAVELER LOST HIS WAY.
BUT WE COULDN'T GO TO YOUR SPECIAL PLACE...
BECAUSE I PICKED THE WRONG PATH, MISS ALICIA.
I'M VERY SORRY.

EVENTUALLY, WHEN HE LOOKED UP AGAIN, HE SAW SOMETHING UNEXPECTED SPREAD OUT BEFORE HIS EYES...
THE TRAVELER LOST HOPE, AND HUNG HIS HEAD IN DESPAIR.

HERE WAS A BEAUTIFUL WORLD... SOMETHING MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN HE'D EVER DESIRED BEFORE.

IN OTHER WORDS, THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU NEVER FIND UNLESS YOU MAKE A MISTAKE OR LOSE YOUR WAY.
MISS ALICIA...
WELL, WELL.
whee
THANK YOU.
!
I WONDER WHERE HE WENT.
...
RUSTLE
HEY, YOU'RE RIGHT. HE'S NOT HERE.
HMM, WHERE'S PRESIDENT ARIA?


climb
climb
climb
AAAAH!


SKRAKK
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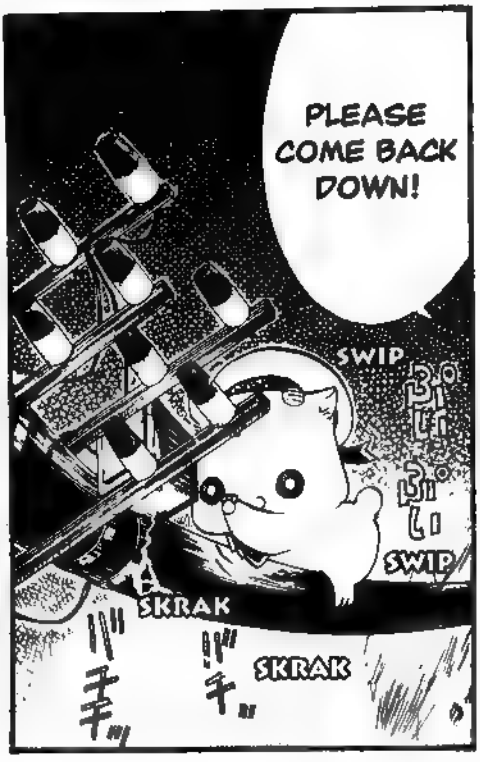
THAT'S DANGEROUS!
PRESIDENT ARIA!
When did he get THERE?

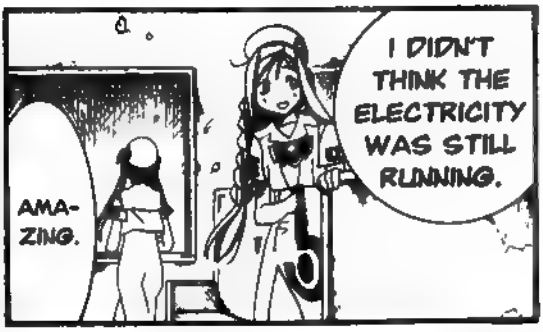

PLEASE COME BACK DOWN!
SWIP
SWIP
SKRAK
SKRAK

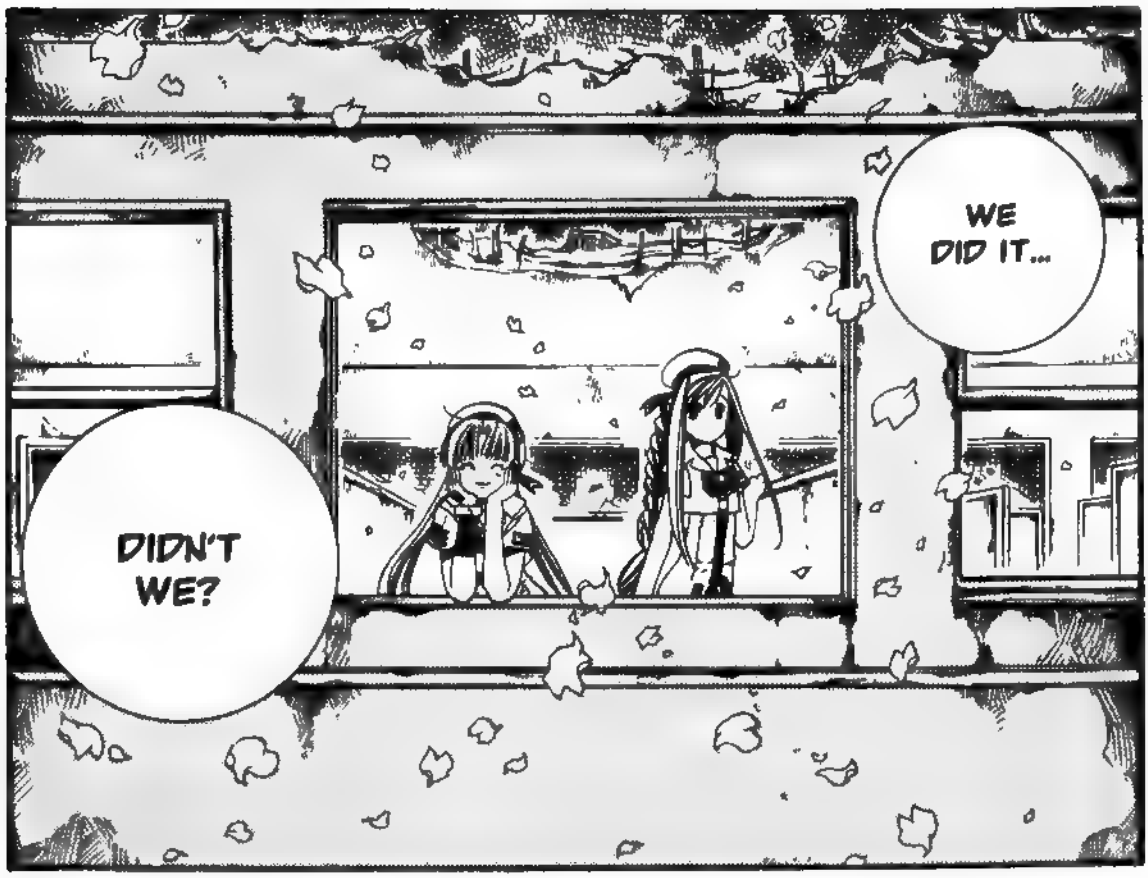
FLASH
WHOOSH

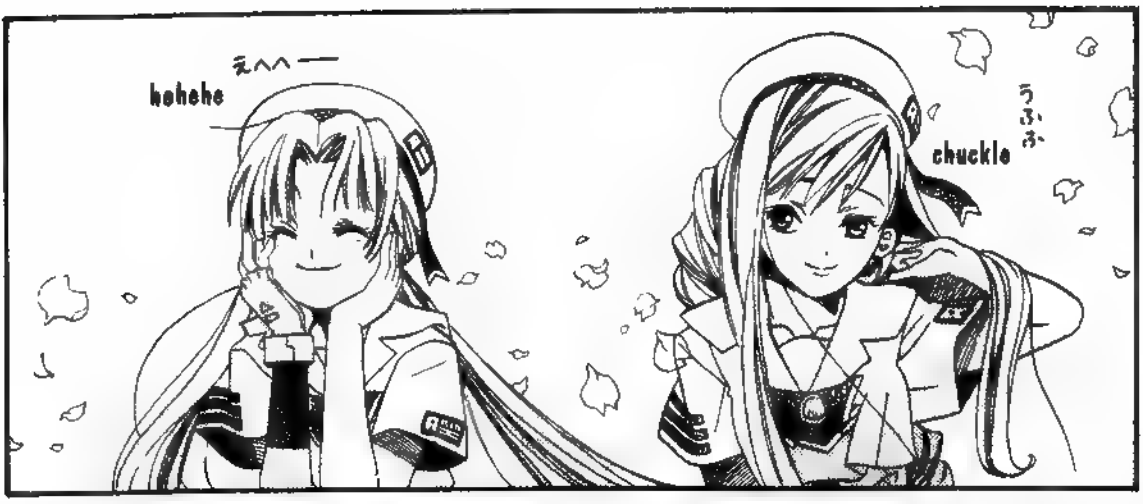
WHSSSHHH
NYU!
VICTORY!
No time for gawking.
PRESIDENT ARIA! ARE YOU OKAY?
PHEW!

phew
Well, well.
THANK GOODNESS! LOOKS LIKE HE'S OKAY.

HOP
MISS ALICIA.
NYU!


I DIDN'T THINK THE ELECTRICITY WAS STILL RUNNING.
AMA-ZING.


WE DID IT...
DIDN'T WE?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hehehe
chuckle
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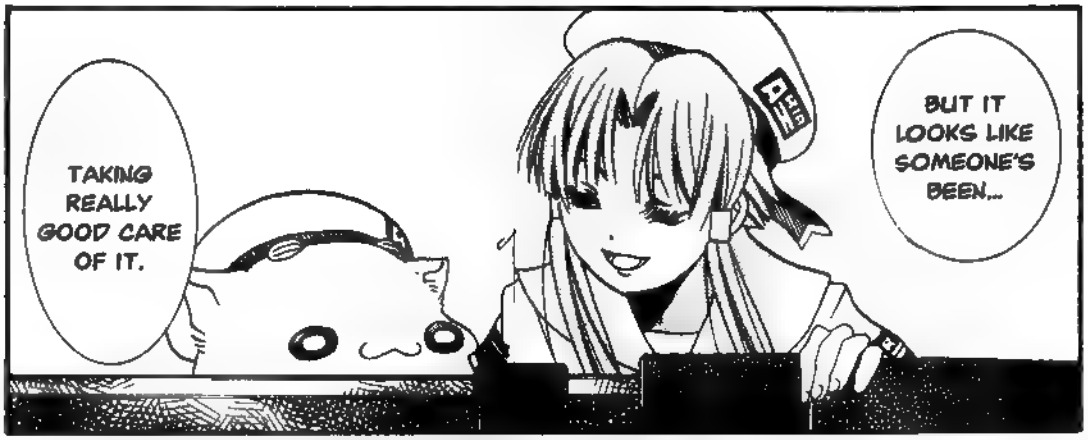
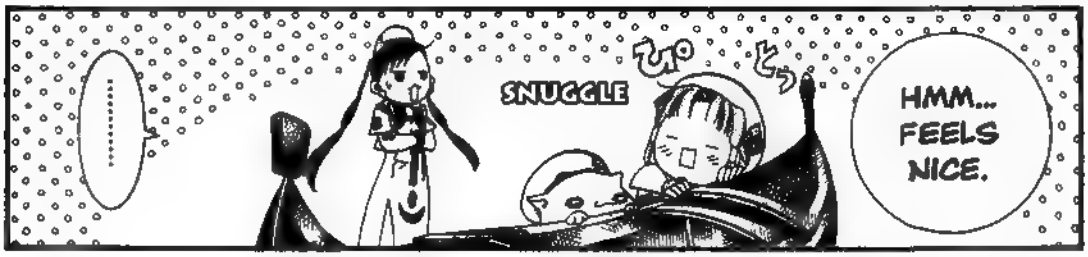
WE FOUND OUR SPECIAL SPRING!!

AIKA CAME ALONG WITH ME, TOO.
TODAY, WE'RE HERE AT THE BOAT SHOP TO DO SOME
WORK ON ARIA COMPANY'S SPARE BOATS.
HOW ARE YOU?
I HOPE YOU'VE BEEN ALRIGHT.
ALL THE DIFFERENT GON-DOLAS!
IT'S VERY EXCITING TO SEE...
HMM... IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A LEAK ON THE BOTTOM.

Navigation.13 TOWN TREASURE

THANK YOU.
IN THE MEANTIME, YOU CAN USE THAT BOAT INSTEAD.
THREE DAYS SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO FIX IT.
"ANTIQUE" LOOK TO IT.
It's old.
YEAH.
HMM, IT HAS A VERY...


TAKING REALLY GOOD CARE OF IT.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE'S BEEN...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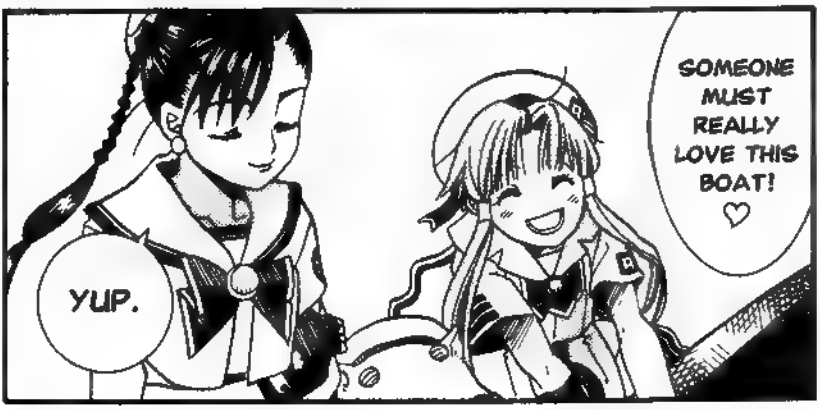
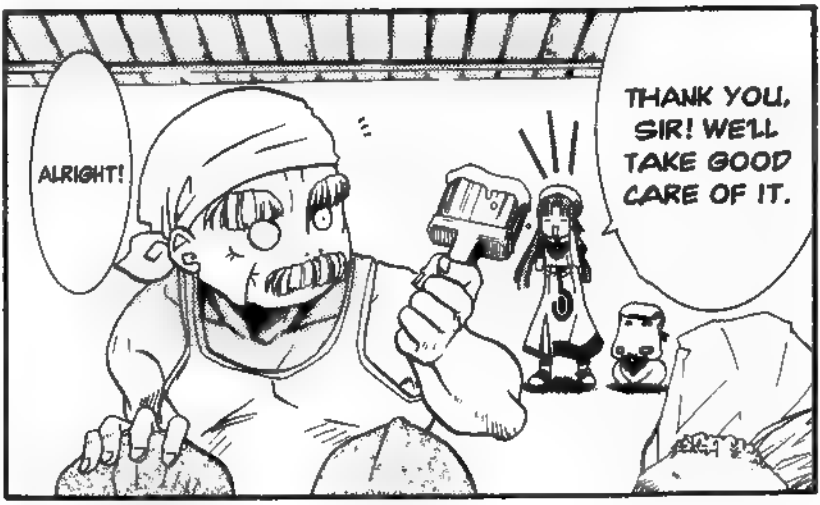
SNUGGLE
HMM... FEELS NICE.

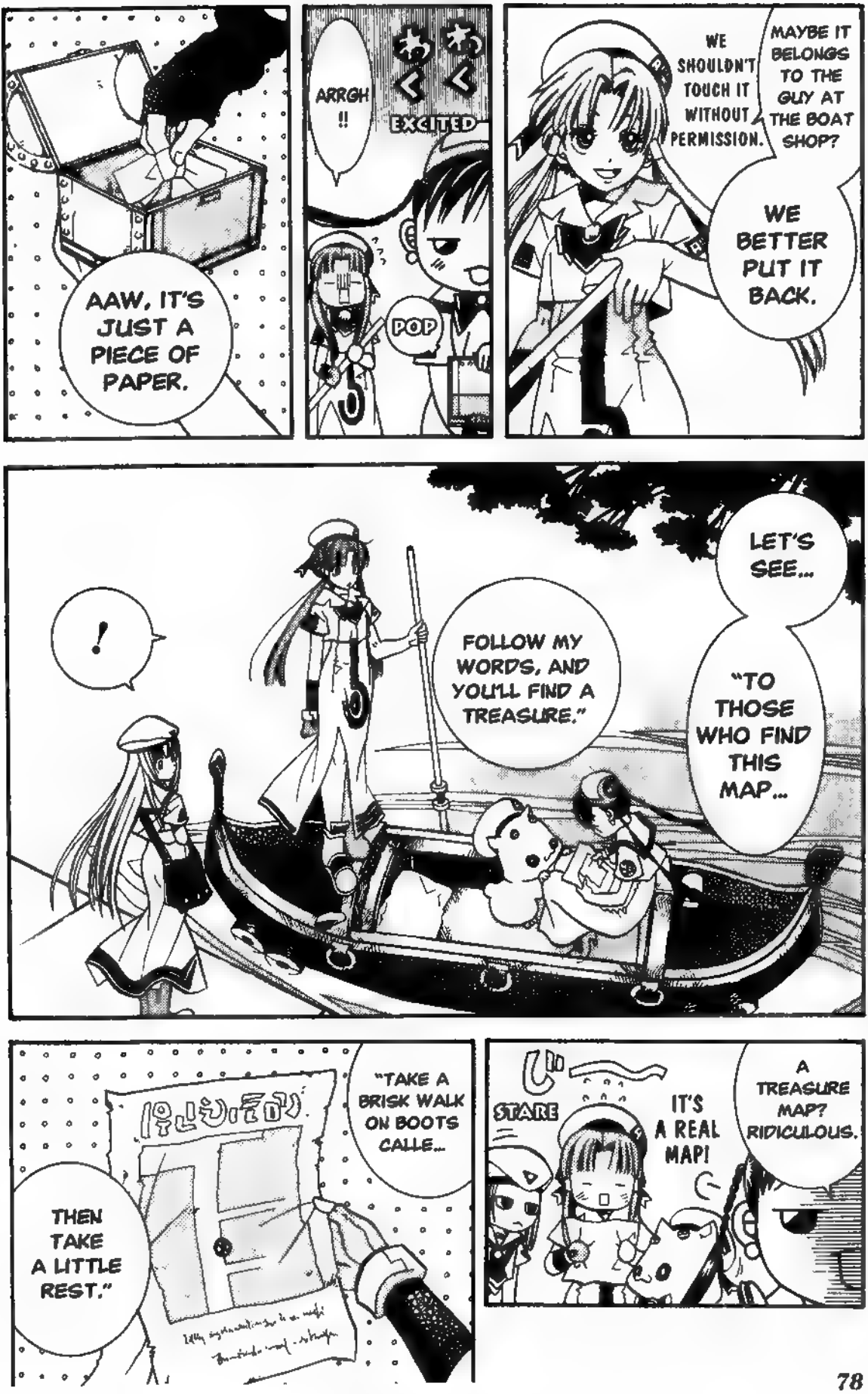

YUP.
SOMEONE MUST REALLY LOVE THIS BOAT! ♡


ALRIGHT!
THANK YOU, SIR! WE'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT.

DO THAT FOR ME!
OK!

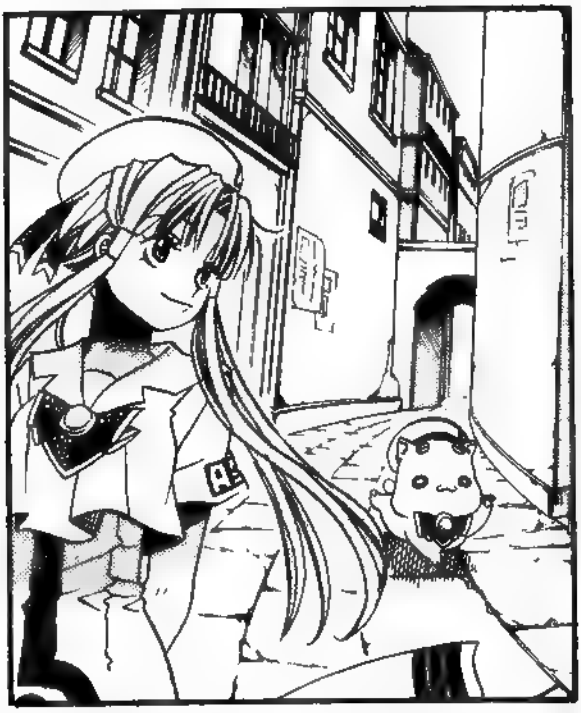
ALICE!
HEY!
HELLO!
OH,
HI THERE.
NYU!
IT'S LUNCHTIME ALREADY?
ARE YOU HUNGRY, PRESIDENT ARIA?
GOING SOMEWHERE?
YEAH, JUST GOING TO EAT LUNCH.

?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
WOW, SOMETHING'S IN HERE!
THERE'S A HIDDEN DOOR.
HOW ABOUT YOU, AIKA?
HMM...
AIKA?
CREAK
A BOX?
PUFF
PUFF

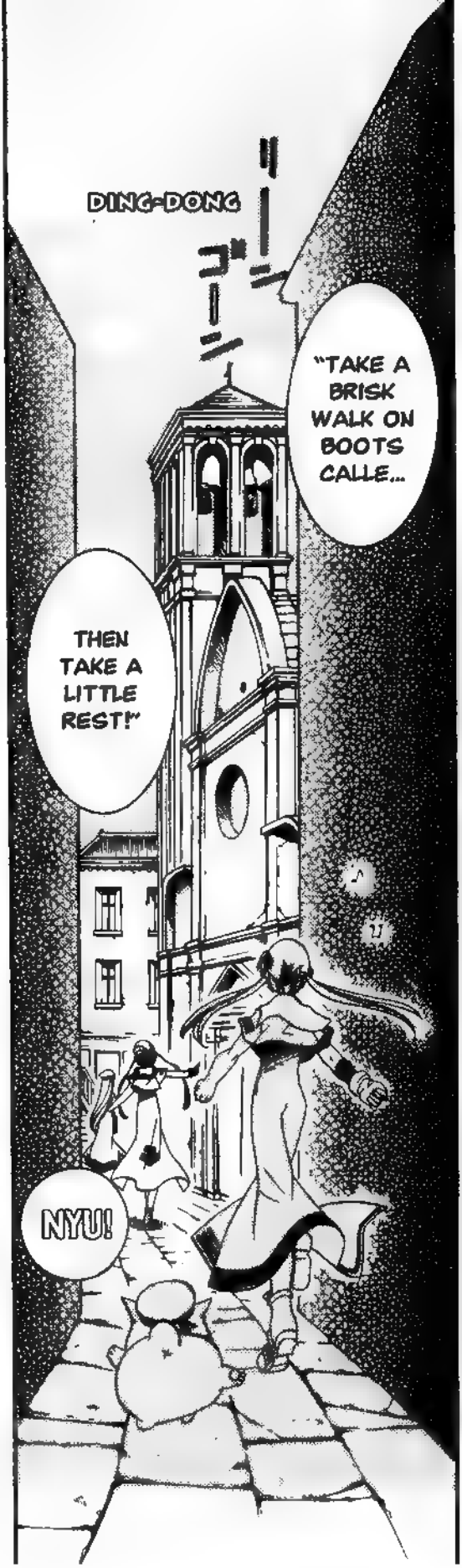

AAW, IT'S JUST A PIECE OF PAPER.
ARRGH !!
EXCITED
POP
WE SHOULDN'T TOUCH IT WITHOUT PERMISSION.
MAYBE IT BELONGS TO THE GUY AT THE BOAT SHOP?
WE BETTER PUT IT BACK.
!
FOLLOW MY WORDS, AND YOU'LL FIND A TREASURE."
LET'S SEE...
"TO THOSE WHO FIND THIS MAP...
THEN TAKE A LITTLE REST."
"TAKE A BRISK WALK ON BOOTS CALLE...
STARE
IT'S A REAL MAP!
A TREASURE MAP? RIDICULOUS.

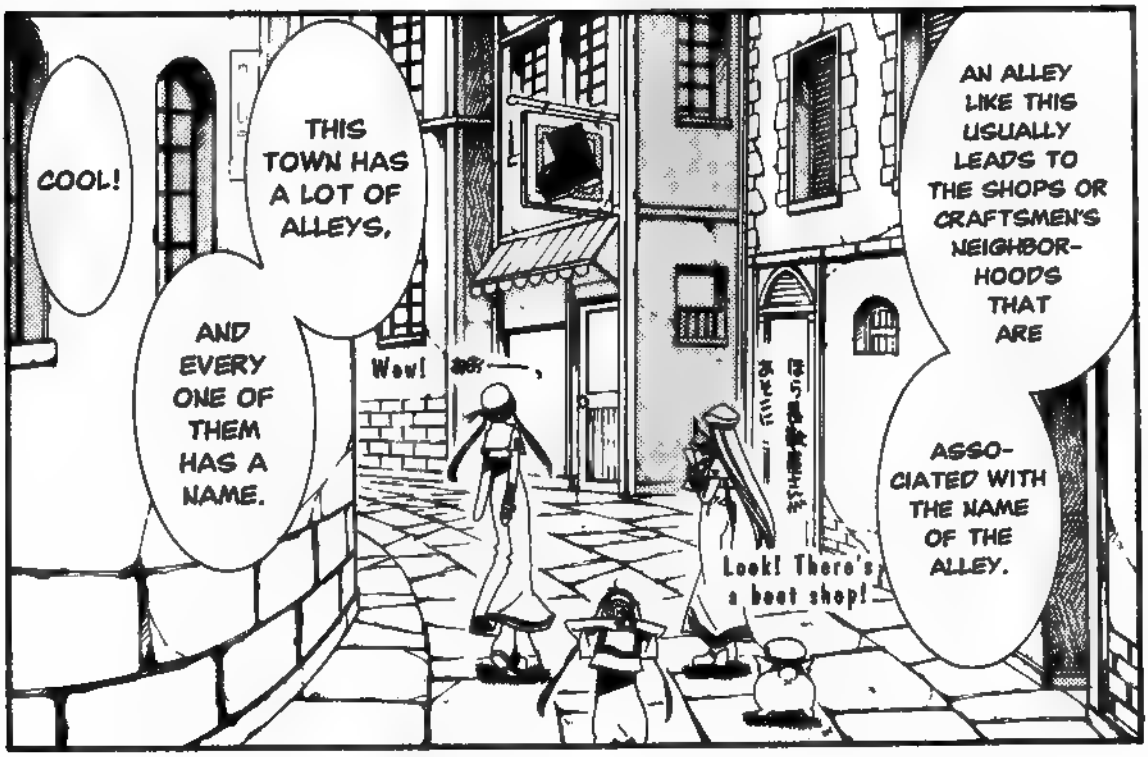
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
OH, CALLE MEANS "ALLEY" IN ITALIAN.
WHAT'S "CALLE"?
? ?
YES. AND BOOTS CALLE IS RIGHT NEAR HERE.
ALLEY?
.....
STARE
ERR...
UH-OH
.....
WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE US THERE? THAT WOULD BE SUPER!
EXCITED
IF YOU DON'T MIND... IF YOU REALLY DON'T MIND...
OH BOY...
TURN
GOTTA GO.
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
ALICE!!

HEE HEE!
WOULD YOU CALM DOWN A LITTLE, AKARI?



EVEN A TINY ALLEY LIKE THIS HAS A NAME!
THAT'S AMAZING!


DING-DONG
"TAKE A BRISK WALK ON BOOTS CALLE...
THEN TAKE A LITTLE REST!"
NYU!


COOL!
THIS TOWN HAS A LOT OF ALLEYS,
AND EVERY ONE OF THEM HAS A NAME.
Wow!
Look! There's a boat shop!
AN ALLEY LIKE THIS USUALLY LEADS TO THE SHOPS OR CRAFTSMEN'S NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ARE
ASSOCIATED WITH THE NAME OF THE ALLEY.

But I don't see anything.
ACCORDING TO THE MAP, WE SHOULD SEE SOMETHING AROUND HERE.

Oh! It's a pigeon!
I THINK SOMEONE'S JUST PLAYING A JOKE ON US.

COO!

Come here...
COO! COO! COO!

COO!
COO!
NO WAY!
.....
.....
POP
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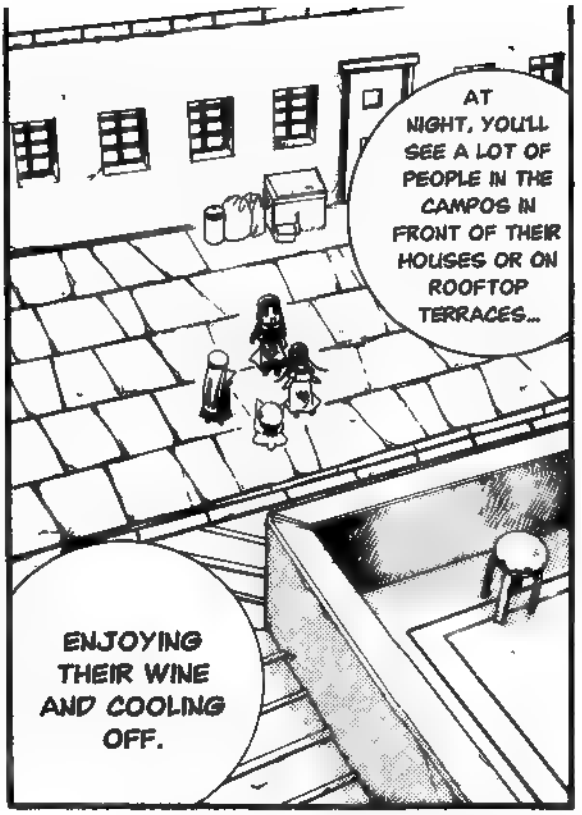
BA-DMP
OPEN IT, AKARI! OPEN IT!
BA-DMP
OKAY!
BA-DMP

"A BIG CLOCK THAT'S OLD AND TALL...
WAITS FOR YOU AT A TINY CAMPO."
HEY, ANOTHER TREASURE MAP!
TWITCH
AWW, ANOTHER PIECE OF PAPER? I GOT EXCITED FOR NOTHING!
rustle rustle
EXACTLY!
THAT'S A BIG MYSTERY, ISN'T IT?

WAITS FOR US AT A TINY CAMPO!
A BIG CLOCK THAT'S OLD AND TALL...
WHEN YOU'RE WALKING AROUND TOWN,
DON'T YOU EVER COME ACROSS A PLACE THAT LOOKS LIKE A COURT-YARD?
THAT'S CALLED A "CAMPO."
ALICE, WHAT'S A "CAMPO"?
What?
You've been living here for a year now.
YOU'RE A BIG AIRHEAD, AREN'T YOU, AKARI?
IT'S A PERFECT PLAY-GROUND FOR LOCAL KIDS.
COOL!

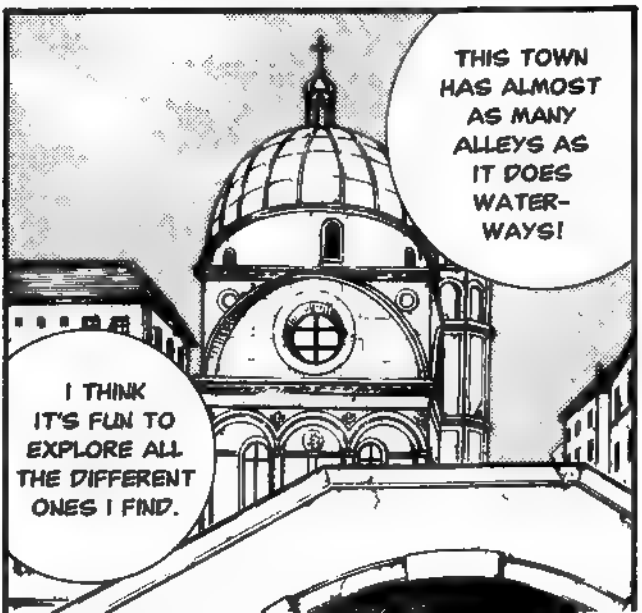
.....
LIVING IN A HOUSE WITH A ROOFTOP TERRACE
IS ONE OF THE WAYS PEOPLE SHOW THEIR SUCCESS HERE.

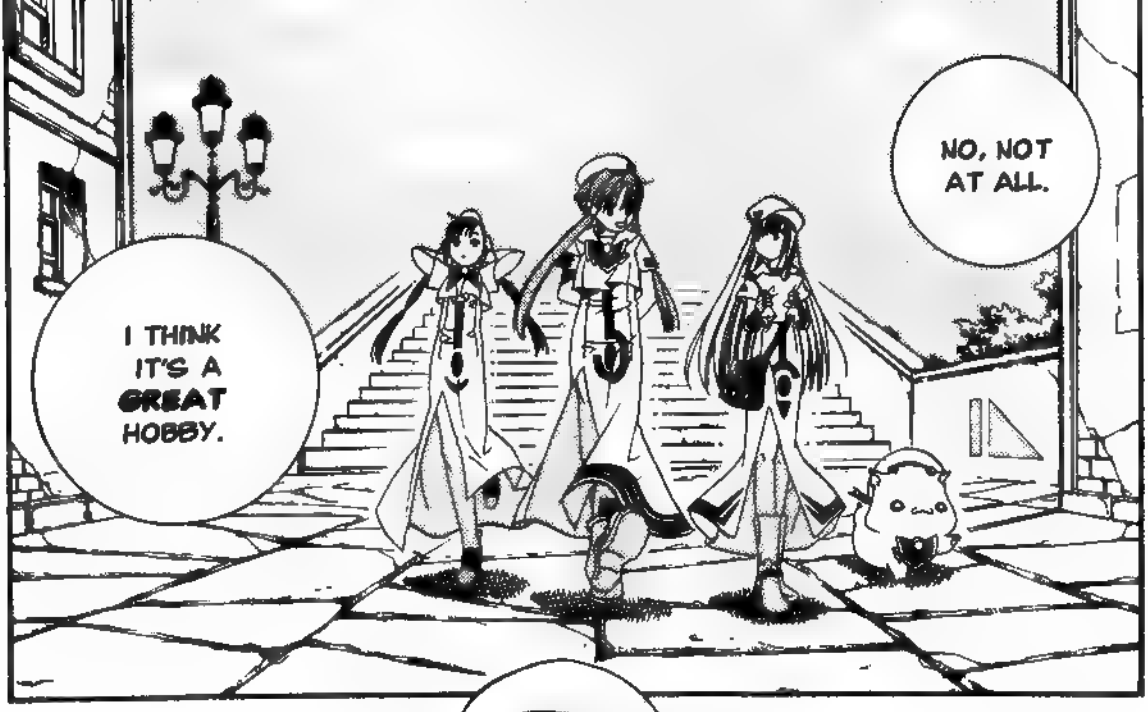
She's a local, too.
YOU KNOW A LOT, ALICE! YOU'RE A TRUE LOCAL!

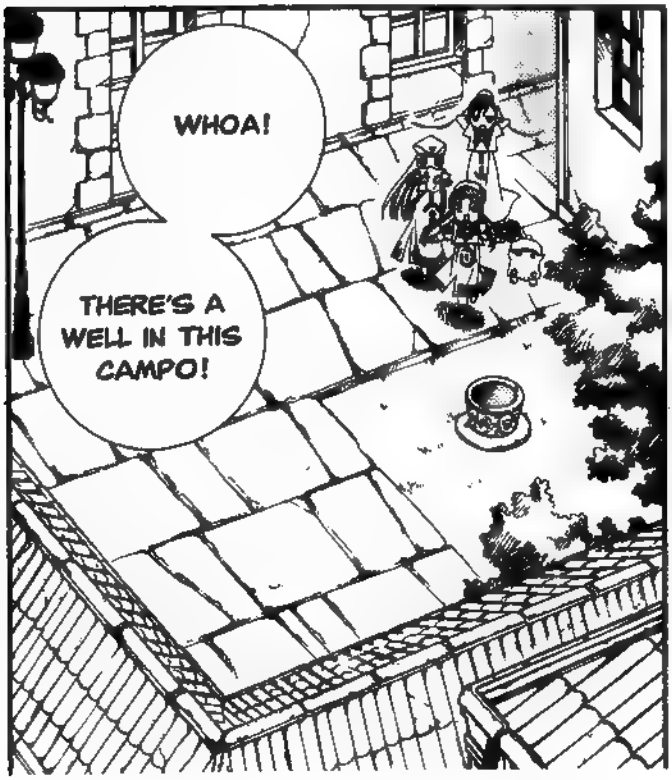

AT NIGHT, YOU'LL SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPOS IN FRONT OF THEIR HOUSES OR ON ROOFTOP TERRACES...
ENJOYING THEIR WINE AND COOLING OFF.

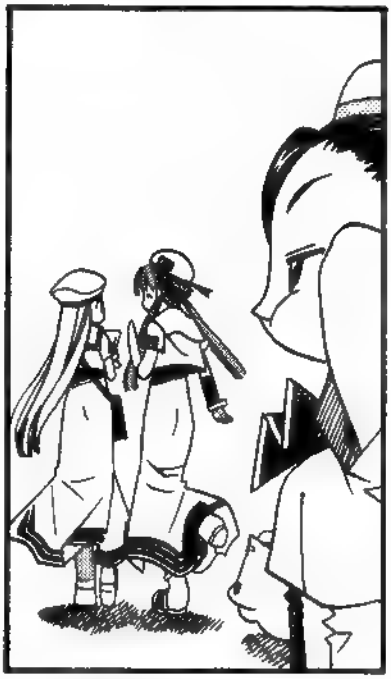
I LOVE TO TAKE WALKS.
ACTUALLY...

PEOPLE AT WORK MAKE FUN OF ME, THOUGH.
They call it an old person's hobby.


THIS TOWN HAS ALMOST AS MANY ALLEYS AS IT DOES WATER-WAYS!
I THINK IT'S FUN TO EXPLORE ALL THE DIFFERENT ONES I FIND.

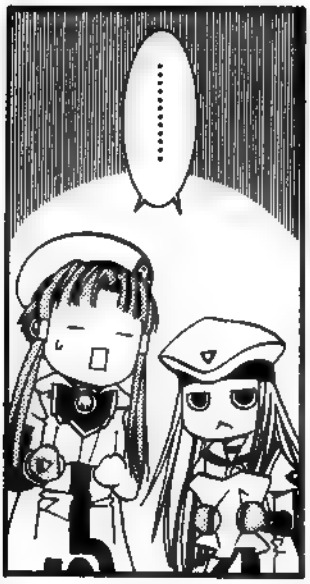

NO, NOT AT ALL.
I THINK IT'S A GREAT HOBBY.


WHOA!
THERE'S A WELL IN THIS CAMPO!



AKARI!
I LIKE IT HERE!

HUH?
YOU TAKE CARE OF THE REST.
I GOTTA GO.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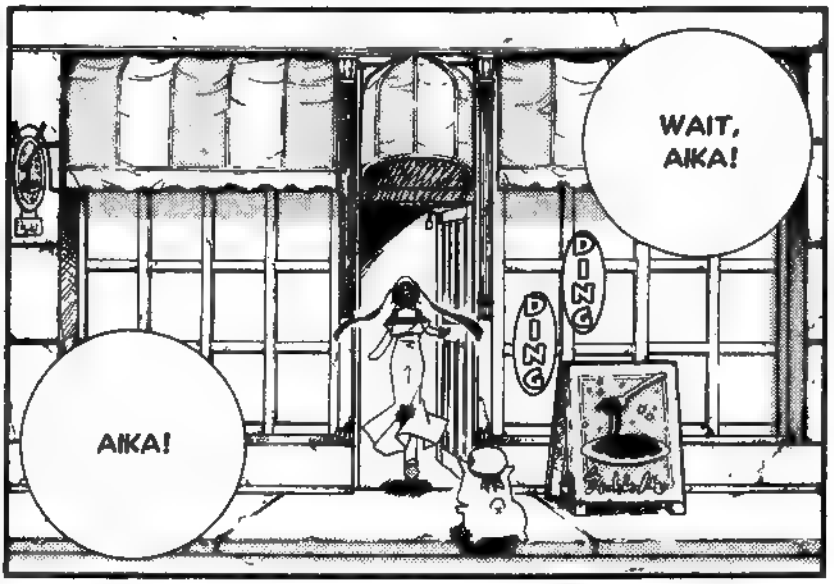
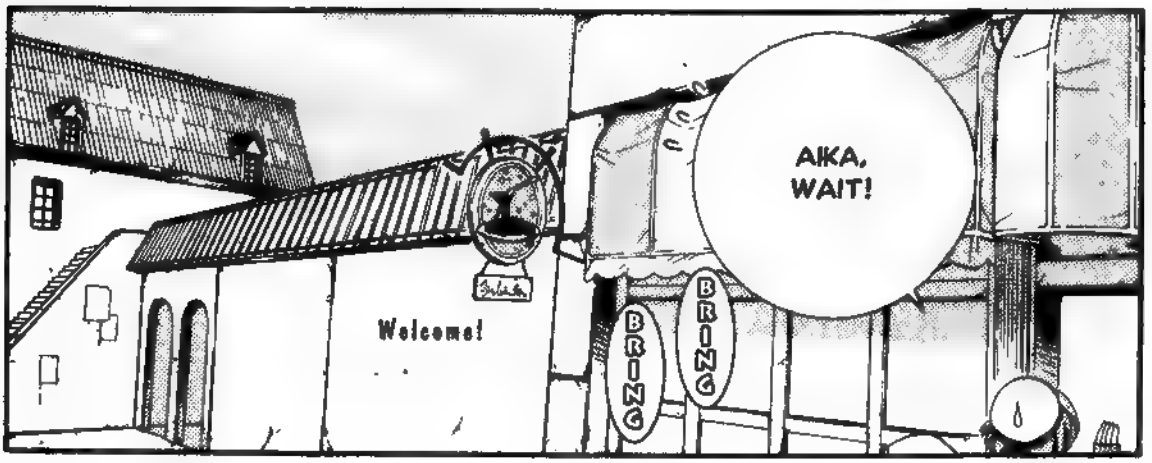

WAIT, AIKA!
DING
DING
AIKA!


AIKA, WAIT!
BRING
BRING
Welcome!

MUNCH MUNCH
YOU SHOULD'VE JUST SAID SOMETHING IF YOU WERE HUNGRY.
♡
YUM YUM
GRRRRR!
ARE YOU MAD ABOUT SOME-THING?
OF COURSE I'M NOT MAD!
MUNCH MUNCH
AIKA?
AIKA?
YUM YUM
YOU'LL BE FINE WITHOUT ME.
NOW THAT YOU'VE GOT SUCH A SMART FRIEND AND ALL...

GRRRR
.....
WHAAAAT? DON'T BE STUPID!
RATTLE
DID YOU FEEL LEFT OUT OR SOME-THING?
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hweech
I DON'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT YOUR DISCUSSION, BUT...
EXCUSE ME.

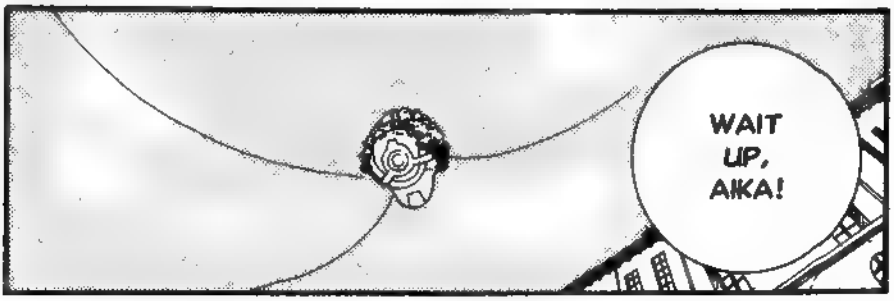
.....
AN OLD CLOCK?
YES... AND IT'S TALL, TOO.
RUSTLE
THE RESTAURANT OWNER MIGHT GET MAD AT HER.
SHE JUST DOESN'T CARE, DOES SHE?
pitter patter
CHK-CHK-CHK
WAIT A SEC!
I'LL GO CHECK IT OUT.

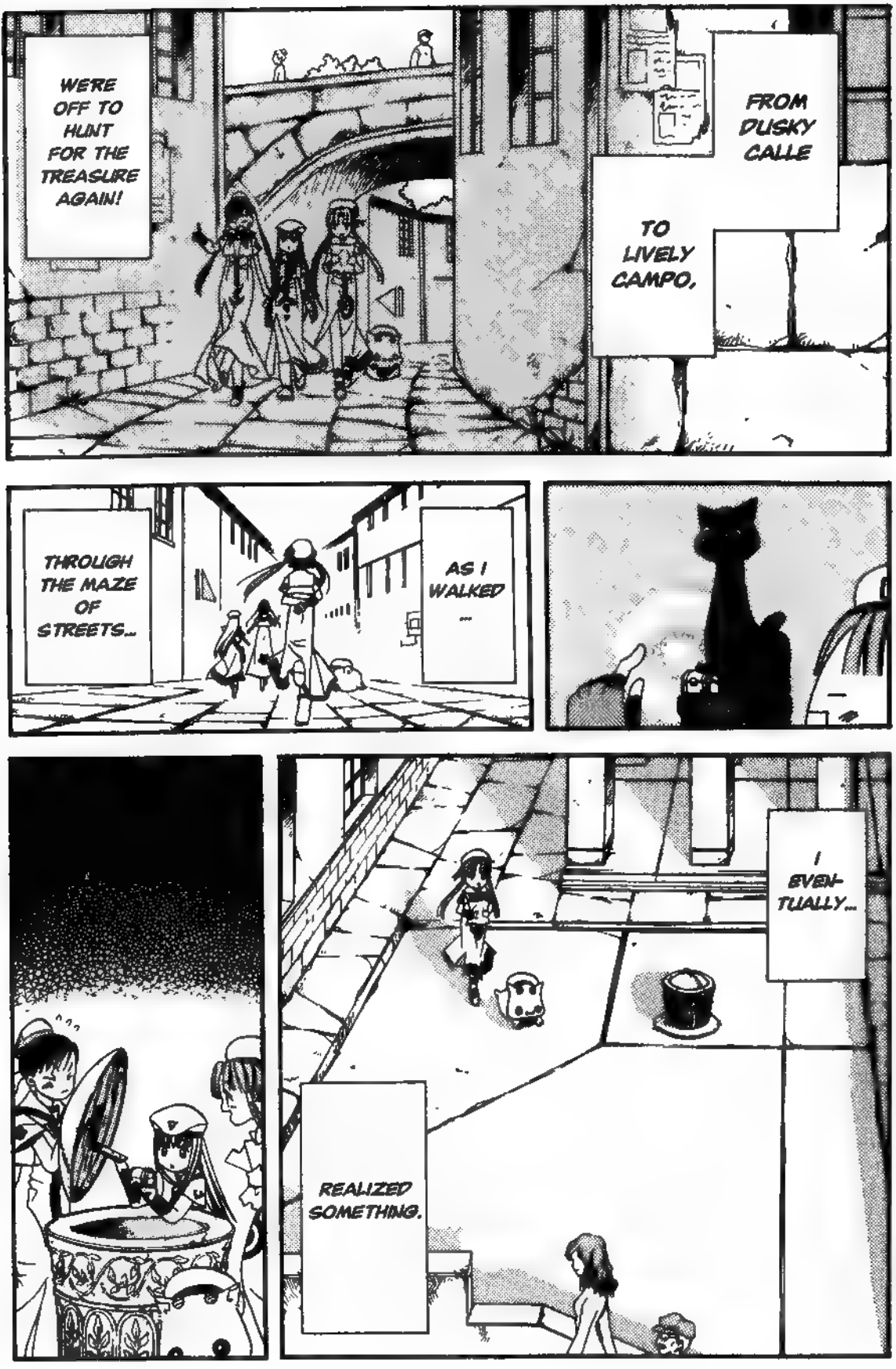
WHAAA?
THEY JUST CALL IT THAT BECAUSE OF ITS ATMO-SPHERE.
IT'S JUST A NAME.
MURDER CALLE?!

ANOTHER TREASURE MAP?
IT SAYS...
"A BLACK CAT WITH SHINY EYES IS HIDING SOMEWHERE IN MURDER CALLE."

SOME-ONE'S TEASING US AGAIN.
WELL, WE'LL TAKE THAT CHALLENGE!

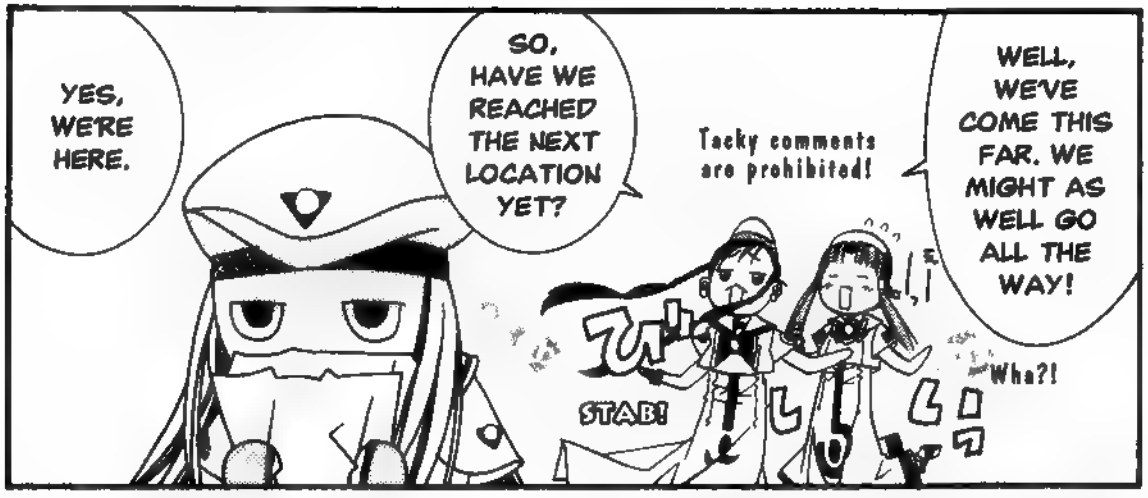
NYU!
LET'S GO!
WE'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO FIND THE TREASURE!


WAIT UP, AIKA!


WE'RE OFF TO HUNT FOR THE TREASURE AGAIN!
FROM DUSKY CALLE
TO LIVELY CAMPO,
THROUGH THE MAZE OF STREETS...
AS I WALKED ...
I EVEN-TUALLY...
REALIZED SOMETHING.

CROSSING THE PONTE TO THE CANNAREGIO ...
PASSING THROUGH THE CALLES INTO THE CAMPOS...
WHICH GIVES US A COMFORT-ABLE RHYTHM.
THERE IS A CERTAIN PATTERN IN THE SCENERY...
IN MY NEW HOMETOWN OF NEO-VENEZIA.
I MADE A BIG DISCOVERY...

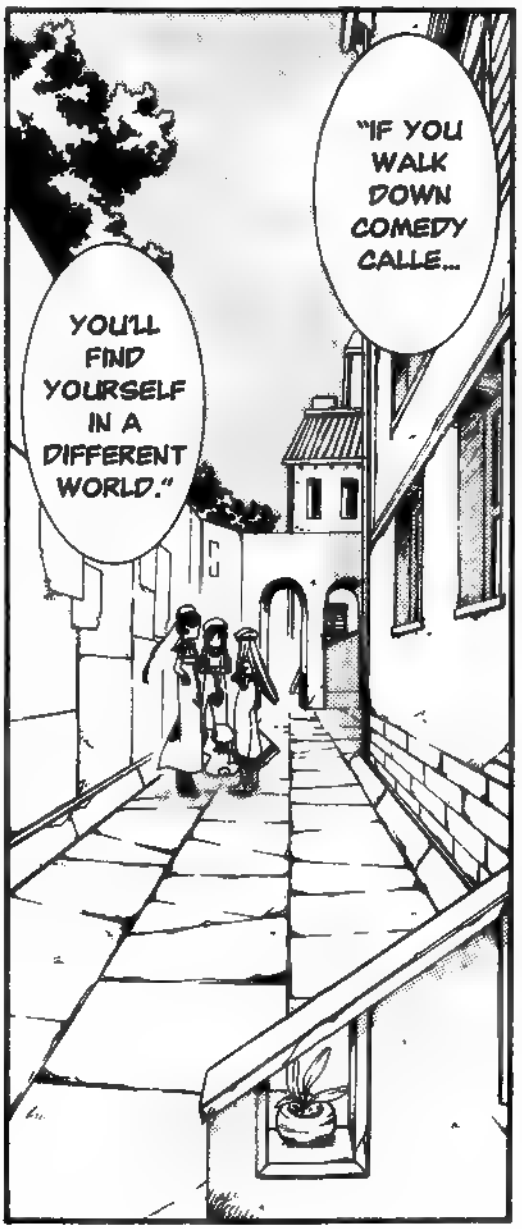
EXCITED
ANOTHER 100 MAPS, MAYBE?
I'M BEAT.
AND WHY DO YOU SOUND SO HAPPY?
TEN.
THIS IS NEVER GONNA END! HOW MANY MAPS SO FAR?
Jeez...
PHEW!
THE MORE I FEEL THE MAGIC OF THIS TOWN,
AND THE MORE I FALL IN LOVE WITH IT. I'M JUST HAVING A GOOD TIME!
BECAUSE THE MORE WE WALK...

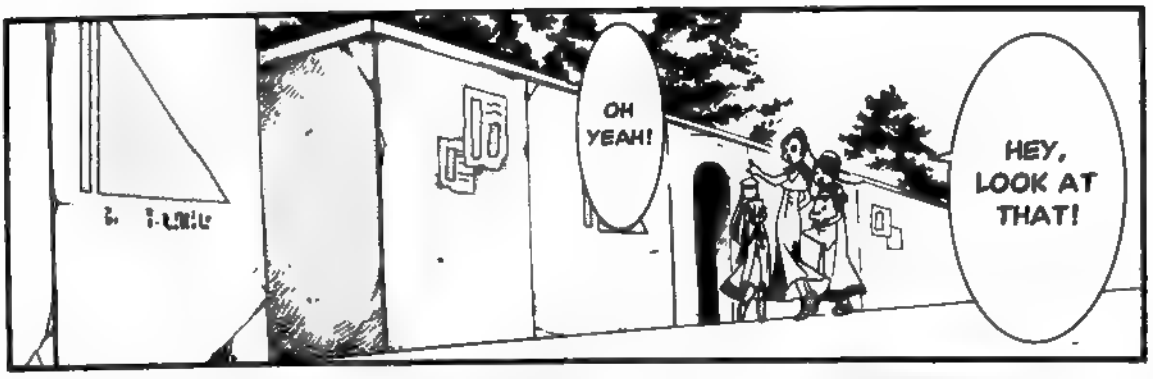

YES, WE'RE HERE.
SO, HAVE WE REACHED THE NEXT LOCATION YET?
Tacky comments are prohibited!
WELL, WE'VE COME THIS FAR. WE MIGHT AS WELL GO ALL THE WAY!
STAB!
Wha?!

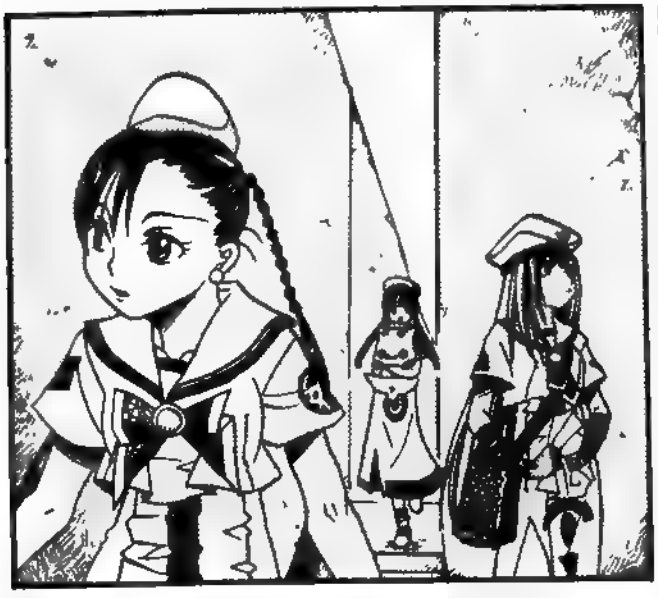
HEY, I WALK BY HERE ALL THE TIME.
ME, TOO.

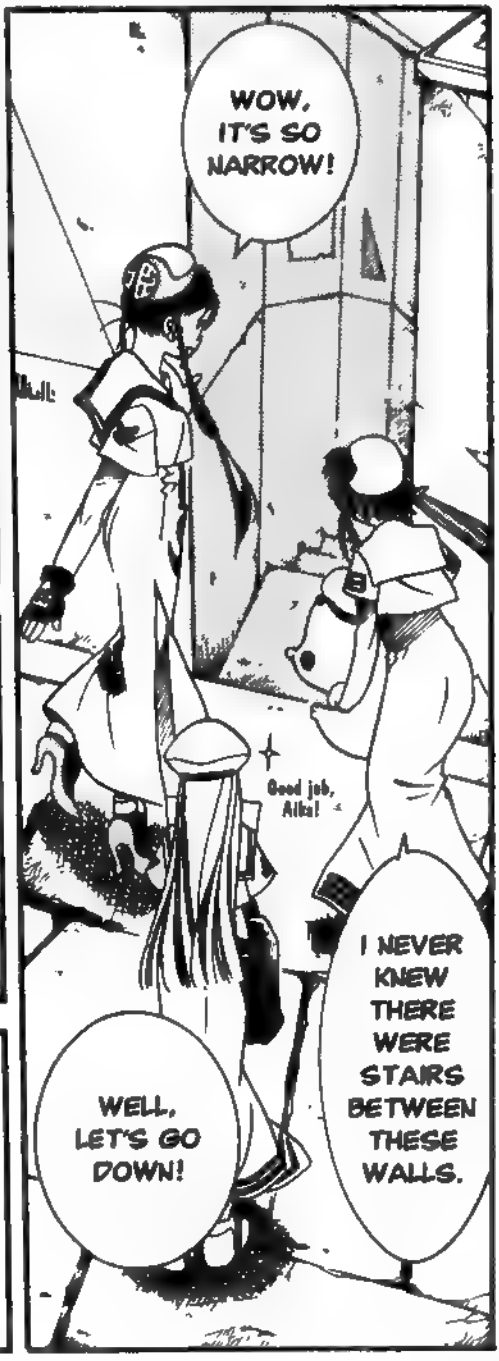
COULD IT BE STAIRS?
"WALK-ING DOWN" ...

look look
I DIDN'T SEE ANY STAIRS, THOUGH ...


"IF YOU WALK DOWN COMEDY CALLE...
YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF IN A DIFFERENT WORLD."


HEY, LOOK AT THAT!
OH YEAH!




WOW, IT'S SO NARROW!
Good job, Aiba!
I NEVER KNEW THERE WERE STAIRS BETWEEN THESE WALLS.
WELL, LET'S GO DOWN!

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Cool!
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT THIS UNTIL NOW.

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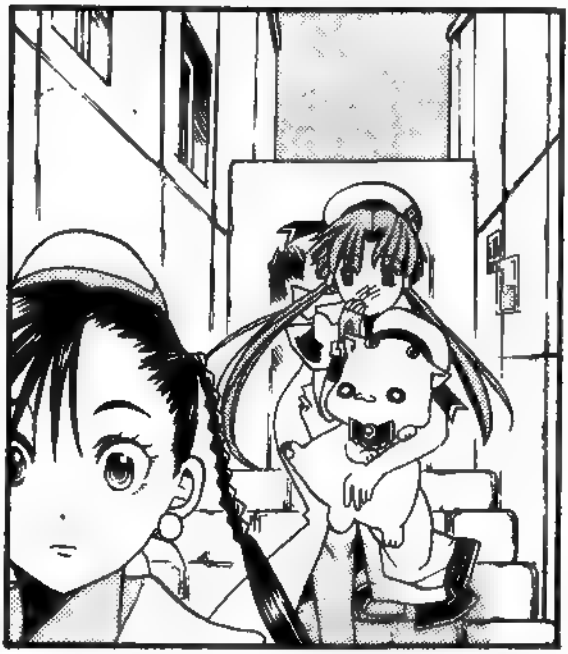
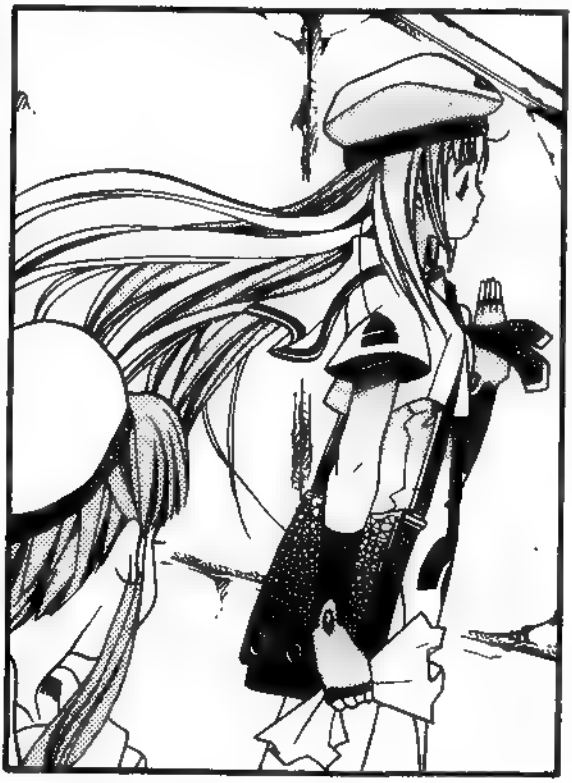
WHOMP
!

Ouch...
Aaaa...

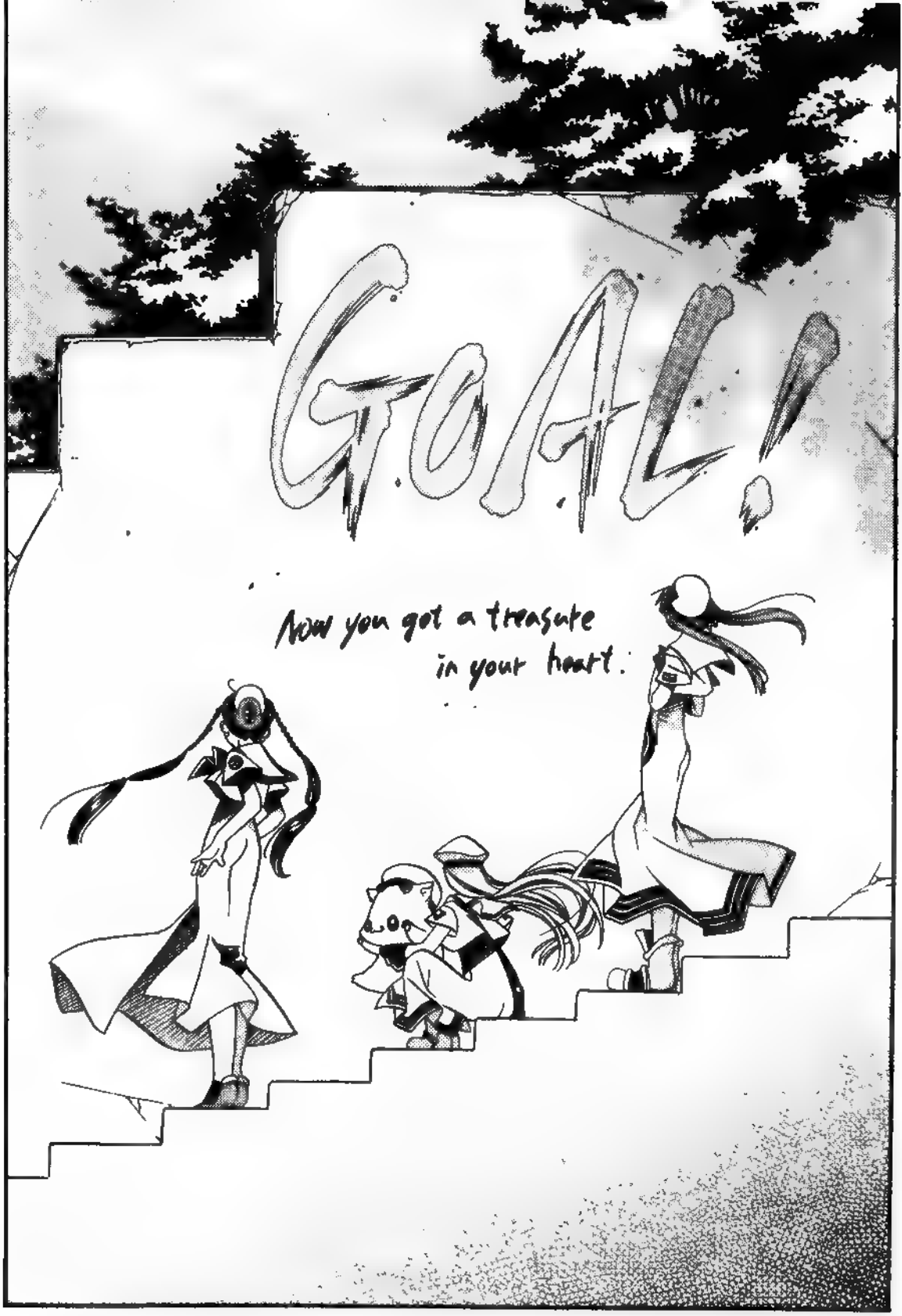




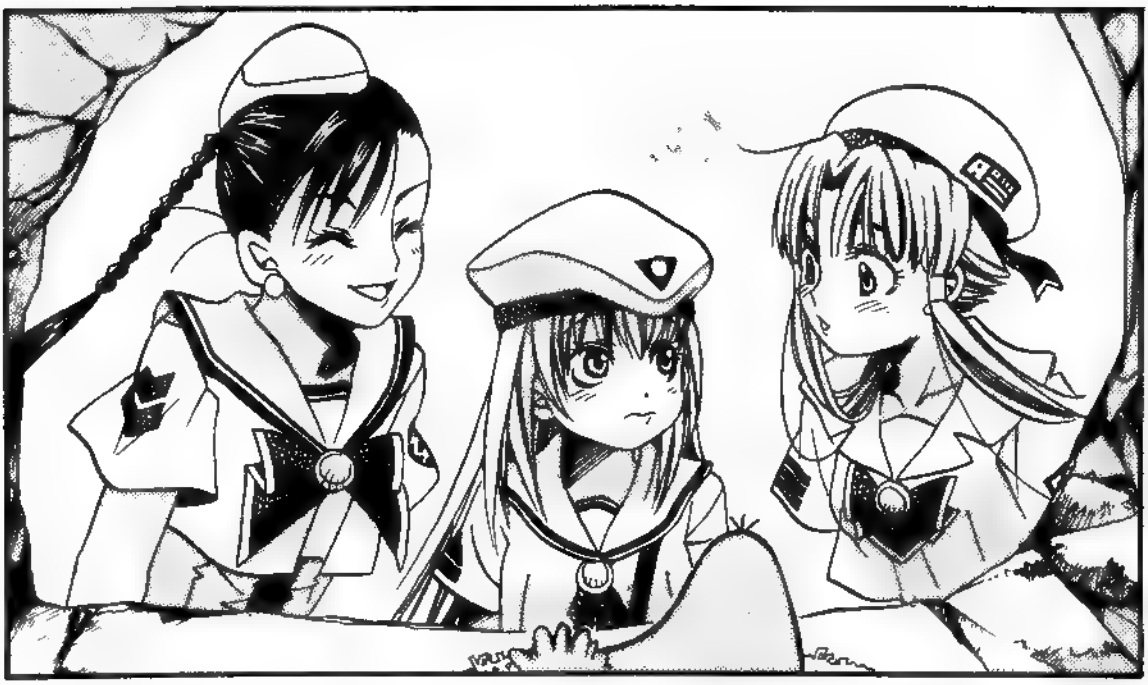
WHOOOSH

YOU CAN SEE THE WHOLE TOWN FROM HERE!
WOOOW!
LOOK AT THE VIEW!
IT'S LIKE A PRECIOUS TREASURE!
SUCH GORGEOUS SCENERY...

WHA?!
TACKY COMMENTS ARE PROHIBITED!
STAB!
GASP!
.....
NO...
AKARI IS EXACTLY RIGHT THIS TIME!

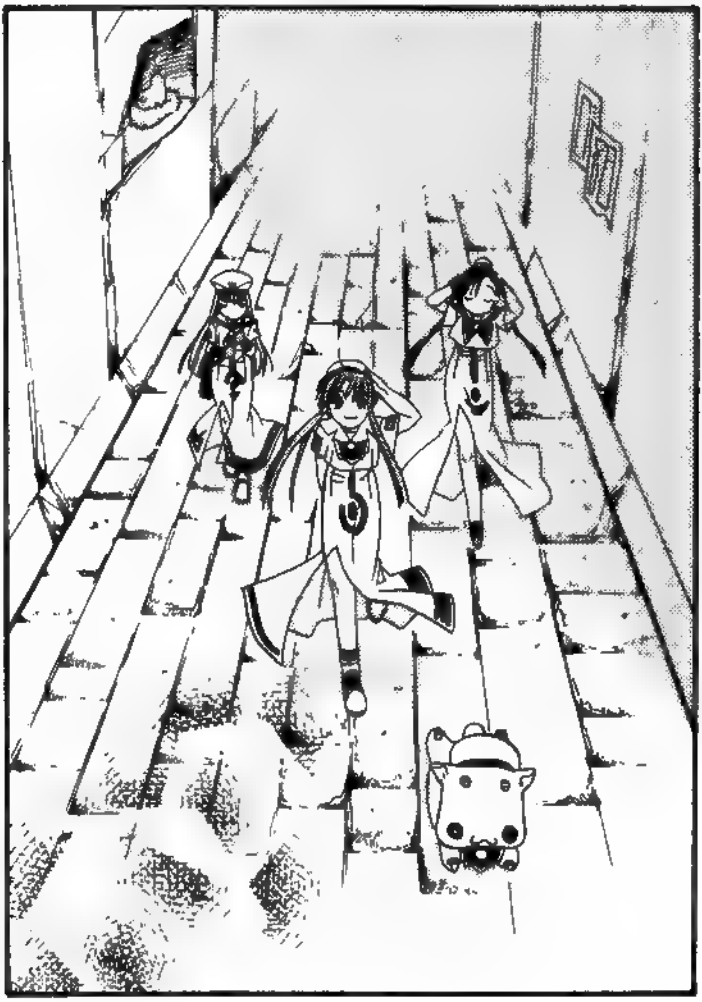

GOAL!
Now you got a treasure in your heart.

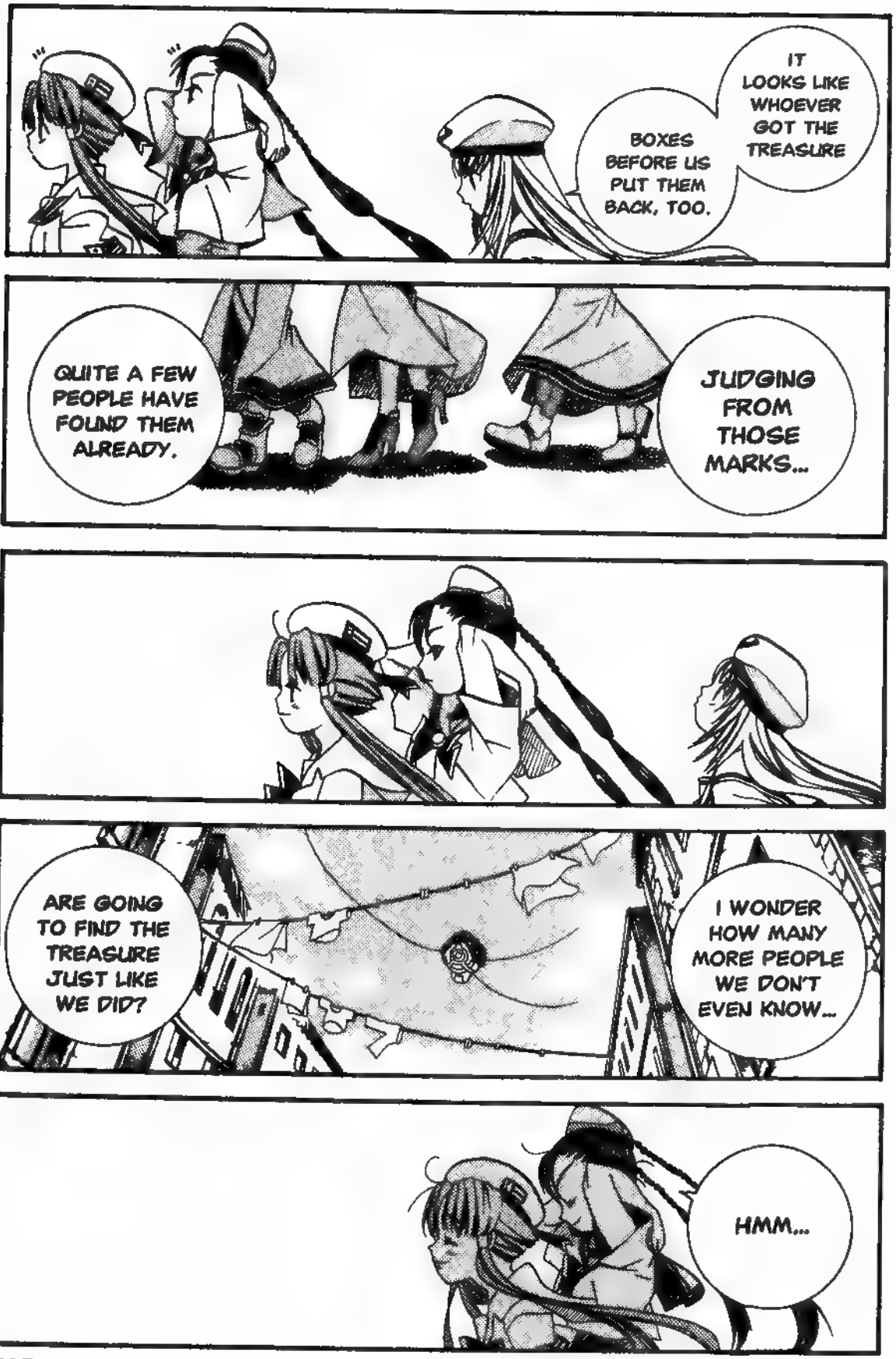
WE JUST WANTED TO.
WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY PARTIC-ULAR REASON.
AFTER THAT...
HMM?
RUSTLE RUSTLE
LOOK!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, ALICE?
WE PUT EACH MAP BACK WHERE WE FOUND IT.
DOESN'T IT LOOK LIKE...
THE TREASURE BOX WAS MOVED AND PUT BACK BEFORE WE FOUND IT?



THE GUY FROM THE BOAT SHOP WHO PUT THE MAPS AROUND.
I WONDER IF IT WAS...
IF SO, HE'S PRETTY ROMANTIC, EVEN THOUGH HE DOESN'T LOOK IT.

THE PERSON WHO OWNED THE BOAT A LONG TIME AGO.
YOU NEVER KNOW. IT MIGHT'VE BEEN...




IT LOOKS LIKE WHOEVER GOT THE TREASURE
BOXES BEFORE US PUT THEM BACK, TOO.
QUITE A FEW PEOPLE HAVE FOUND THEM ALREADY.
JUDGING FROM THOSE MARKS...
ARE GOING TO FIND THE TREASURE JUST LIKE WE DID?
I WONDER HOW MANY MORE PEOPLE WE DON'T EVEN KNOW...
HMM...

HEH HEH HEH.
THE THOUGHT JUST TICKLES MY HEART!

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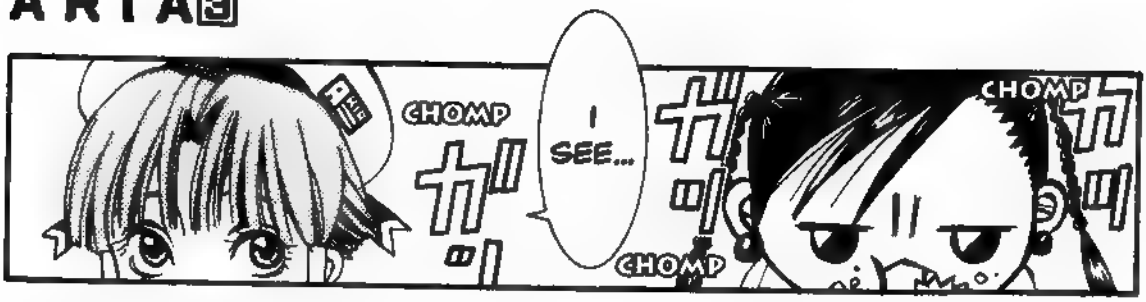
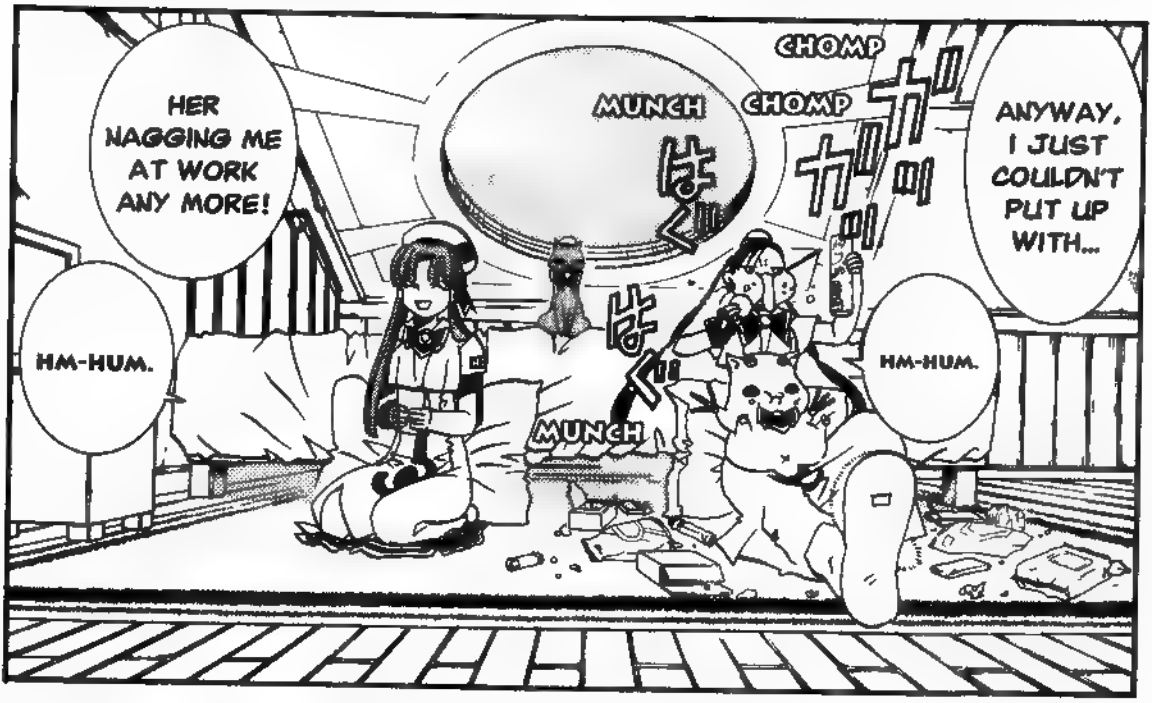
THREE WATER FAIRIES

EXCUSE ME!!
BAM
HOW ARE YOU?
SWSSHH
ONE GLORIOUS DAY IN SPRING...
AIKA UP AND LEFT (?) HIME-YA, JUST LIKE THAT.
PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT I'LL BE STAYING AT YOUR PLACE FOR A WHILE.
O.K.
SWSSHH


CHOMP
I SEE...
CHOMP
CHOMP


HER NAGGING ME AT WORK ANY MORE!
HM-HUM.
MUNCH
CHOMP
MUNCH
CHOMP
ANYWAY, I JUST COULDN'T PUT UP WITH...
HM-HUM.

.....
OOOH...
STUFF LIKE... "YOU'RE A GIRL, SO DON'T SLEEP WITH YOUR STOMACH SHOWING" OR "DON'T TRASH YOUR ROOM"...
OR "DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING WITH YOUR GREASY HANDS AFTER YOU JUST ATE POTATO CHIPS"...

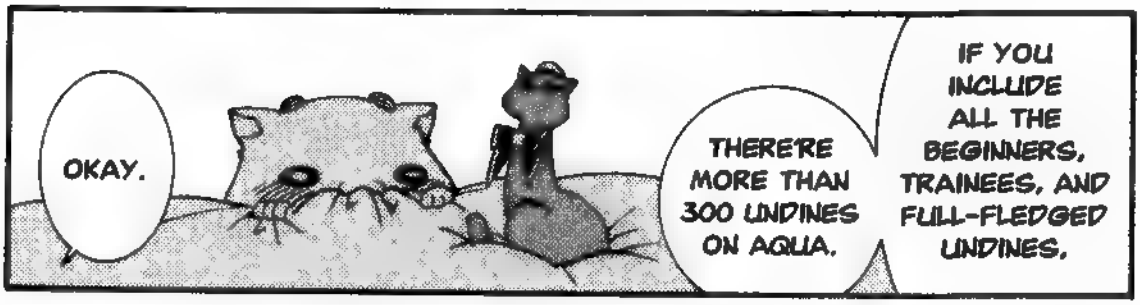
SHE SAYS SOMETHING ABOUT EVERY LITTLE THING I DO!
FOR EXAMPLE?

SHE'S REALLY THAT STRICT?
MUNCH
YEF, FEE IF.

HUMPH!
I BET SHE'S JEALOUS!
JEALOUS?
SHE MIGHT BE VERY STRICT WITH YOU...
BUT THAT SHOWS HOW MUCH SHE CARES ABOUT YOU.
SHE NEEDS TO STOP ORDERING ME AROUND! DAMMIT!
GWAAAAAAH!
NYU!
GWAAAAAH!
WHAAAAT?
Wh... Why?
YUP! BECAUSE I LOVE MISS ALICIA!
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.
SWSSHH
SHE SEES MISS ALICIA AS HER RIVAL!
BECAUSE

THE THREE BEST UNDINES?
SHE AND MISS ALICIA ARE TWO OF THE THREE BEST UNDINES IN TOWN.
I CAN UNDER-STAND WHY.

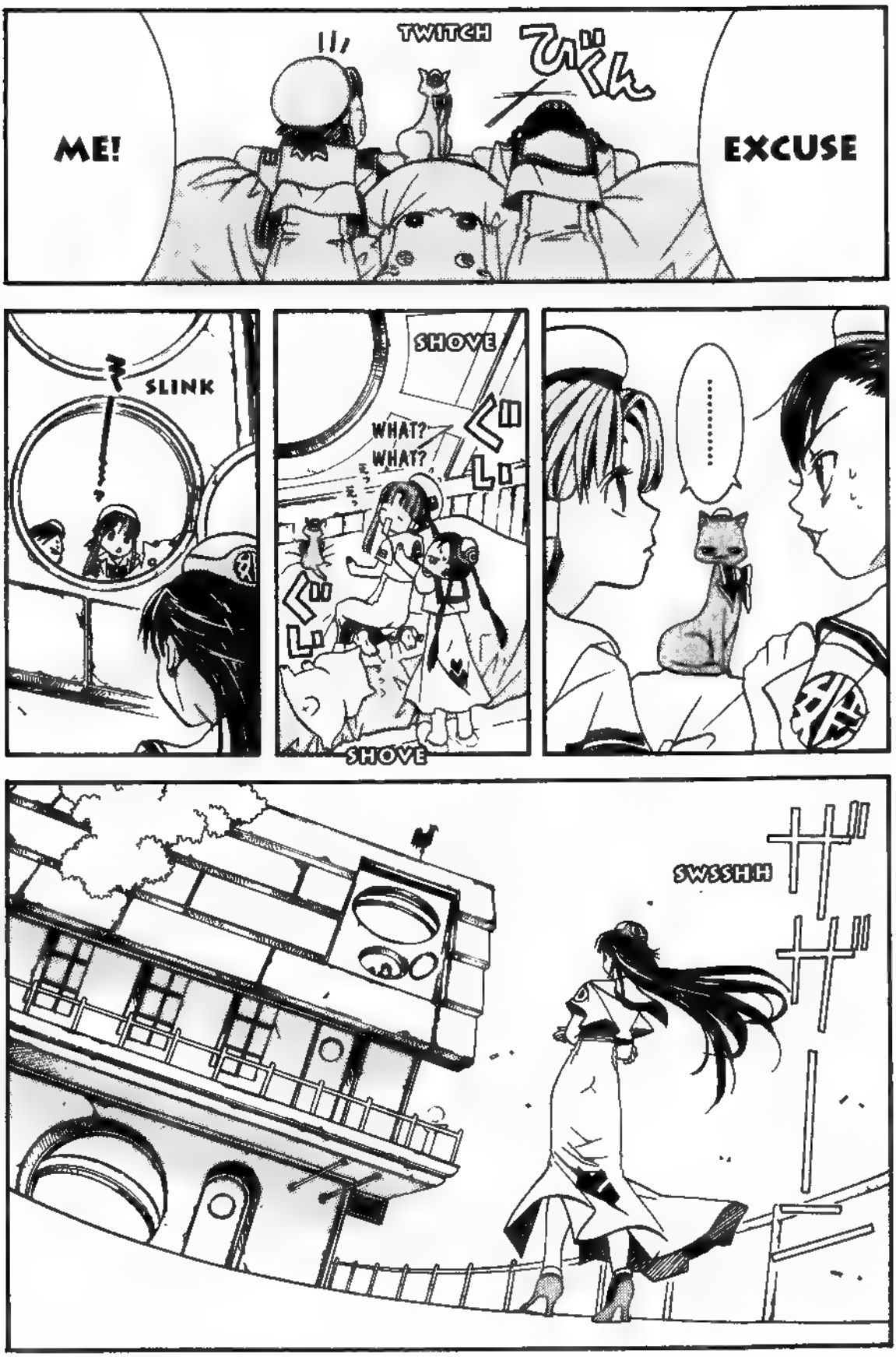
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS BUSINESS, DO YOU?
SHAKE SHAKE
YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF MISS AKIRA FROM HIME-YA?

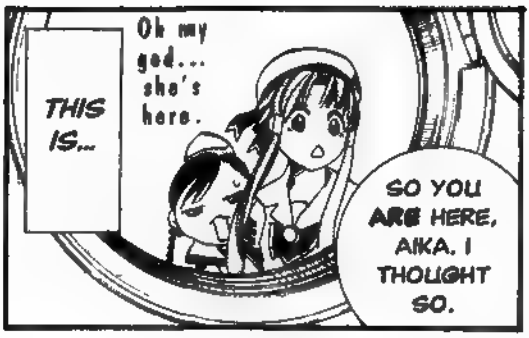

OKAY.
THERE'RE MORE THAN 300 UNDINES ON AQUA.
IF YOU INCLUDE ALL THE BEGINNERS, TRAINEES, AND FULL-FLEDGED UNDINES,

ONE WORKS FOR ORANGE PLANET,
ONE IS MISS AKIRA FROM HIME-YA....
AND THE LAST ONE IS MISS ALICIA FROM ARIA COMPANY.

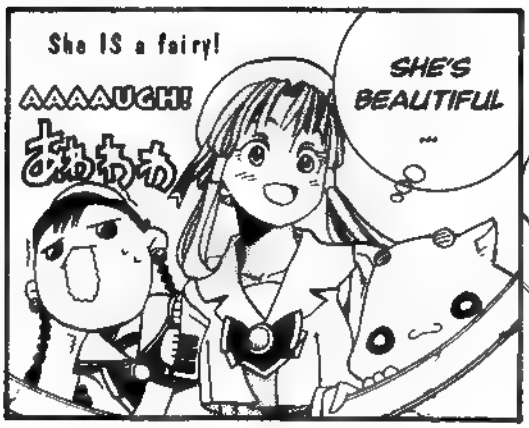
OF COURSE, FULL-FLEDGED UNDINES ARE IN THE TOP CLASS CATEGORY IN THIS BUSINESS.
AND AMONG ALL THE FULL-FLEDGED UNDINES, THERE'RE THREE IN PARTICULAR WHO ARE CONSIDERED BEST OF THE BEST.

BECAUSE THEY'RE SO TALENTED AND GOOD AT WHAT THEY DO,
PEOPLE ON AQUA HONOR THEM AS THE "THREE WATER FAIRIES."
WATER FAIRIES...
THE THREE...
.....
WOOOOW.
That's awesome.
THAT'S RIGHT. THREE FAIRIES.
WHOA... THREE FAIRIES...
Miss Alicia is so cool!


TWITCH
ME!
EXCUSE
SLINK
SHOVE
WHAT?
WHAT?
SHOVE
SWSSHH


THIS IS...
Oh my god... she's here.
SO YOU ARE HERE, AIKA. I THOUGHT SO.

ONE OF THE THREE WATER FAIRIES.
MISS AKIRA FROM HIME-YA.


She IS a fairy!
AAAAUGH!
SHE'S BEAUTIFUL ...

IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE A SPECIAL VISITOR HERE TODAY.
Oh my god!
IS SHE REALLY A FAIRY?!
SHOCKED!
COME OUT BEFORE I COUNT TO THREE! OR ELSE I'LL PUT YOU IN CONCRETE AND THROW YOU INTO THE NEO-ADRIA SEA!
gyaugh!
WELL, WELL.
ONE! TWO!
THMP THMP THMP THMP THMP
MISS ALICIA.
!
ALICIA.
LONG TIME NO SEE, AKIRA.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?
STAB!
UH, SHE WORKS HERE, REMEMBER?
WELL, WELL.
SO, WHAT THE HECK'S YOUR PROBLEM WITH ME, HMM?
YOUR BOSSY PERSONALITY.
WELL, WELL.
BUT YOU'LL NEVER FIND A SWEETER MENTOR THAN ME!
SURE I CAN.
There's plenty of 'em.
WELL, WELL.
LIKE... MISS ALICIA! ♥
SNAP
OH.

AND YOU! QUIT SAYING "WELL, WELL" ALL THE TIME!!
STAB!
WELL?
TWITCH
SHUDDUP, YOU!!
Grrrr
WELL, WELL.
AIKA AND PRESIDENT HIME, YOU TWO ARE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE.
OKAY! ♥
GYAAAAAUUGH!!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY? HUH?
HEH HEH HEH.
HOW CAN YOU LET ANOTHER COMPANY'S EMPLOYEE AND PRESIDENT HANG OUT AT YOUR COMPANY ALL THE TIME, ANYWAY?
AAUUUGH
WELL, WELL.

WHEN THEY WERE BEGINNERS
YOU DECIDED TO BECOME AN UNDINE, TOO. YOU COPY-CAT!
AS SOON AS YOU HEARD YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND DECIDED TO BECOME AN UNDINE...
WHEN THEY WERE STILL TRAINEES
WE'D BOTH WORK HARD TO BECOME FULL-FLEDGED UNDINES TO-GETHER...
AND WE PROMISED EACH OTHER THAT...
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED ONE BIT, ALICIA.
YOU ALWAYS TRY TO MAKE YOURSELF LOOK GOOD IN FRONT OF PEOPLE WITH THAT KILLER SMILE!
Well, well. I almost forgot about that.
You traitor!
裏切者
GRRRRR
BUT YOU MANAGED TO GET PROMOTED BEFORE ME!
SNAP
AND NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU EAT, YOU NEVER GAIN WEIGHT!
WELL, WELL.
Scary...
こあいよー
AND YOU HAVE BETTER SKIN THAN ME...
HEH HEH HEH.

すすっ
THWAAAACK
"HEH HEH HEH" IS PROHIBITED!
WELL, WELL.
SHFF SHFF
すすっ
THWACK
"WELL, WELL" IS PROHIBITED!
HEH HEH HEH...
SHFF
ARIA COMPANY
EEEEEEEKK!!
Hoh hoh hoh hoh hoh hoh hoh hoh
Well well well well well
WHOOSH
DASH
THEY REALLY ARE FAIRIES.
?
Like a storm...
AND THEY'RE GONE...

TIRED
ARIA
OMPANY
SWSSHH
I WONDER IF MISS ALICIA WILL BE OKAY.
I DIDN'T KNOW THEY WERE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.
YEAH, SHE'LL BE FINE.
IT LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE ENJOYING THEMSELVES.
SURE ABOUT THAT?
HEY, AIKA...
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK YOU...
HOW COME YOU LOVE MISS ALICIA SO MUCH?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU WORK AT THE SAME COMPANY.
HMM...

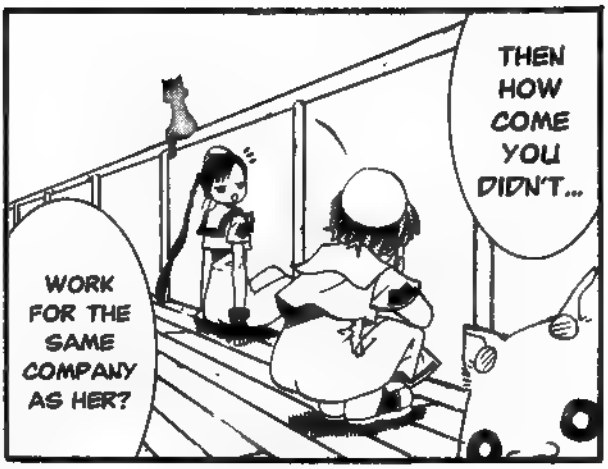
THERE ISN'T ANY PARTICULAR REASON.
I CAN'T REMEMBER WHY, BUT I WAS VERY DEPRESSED ONE DAY.
I RAN AWAY FROM HOME EVEN THOUGH I HAD NOWHERE ELSE TO GO. I WAS JUST WANDERING AROUND ALONE.
HUH? NO REASON?
WELL, MAYBE IT WAS AROUND FOUR YEARS AGO.
AND THEN,
A GIRL CAME AND TALKED TO ME.
IT WAS MISS ALICIA. SHE WAS STILL A TRAINEE BACK THEN.

UNTIL IT GOT REALLY DARK OUTSIDE.
AND SHE STAYED WITH ME...
EVEN THOUGH SHE WASN'T SUPPOSED TO.
SHE LET ME GET ON HER BOAT...
HEH HEH HEH. ARE YOU FEELING BETTER NOW?
THERE YOU GO.
THANKS!

YOU SHOULD GO HOME NOW.
CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE TO A GIRL... DOWN TO THE WAY SHE WALKS.
EVEN A LITTLE CHANGE IN HAIR-STYLE...
OKAY.
HMM... I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.
YUP. I DON'T THINK SHE REMEMBERS IT, BUT STILL...
SWSSHH

I WANTED TO BE A NICE LADY SOMEDAY, JUST LIKE HER.
THAT'S WHY MISS ALICIA IS SO SPECIAL TO ME.
.....
I SEE.
SWSSHH
HMMM.
THAT'S WHY...
I DECIDED TO BECOME AN UNDINE.

I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE.
MY PARENTS SAID IF I'M GOING TO BE AN UNDINE, I HAVE TO TAKE OVER HIME-YA.

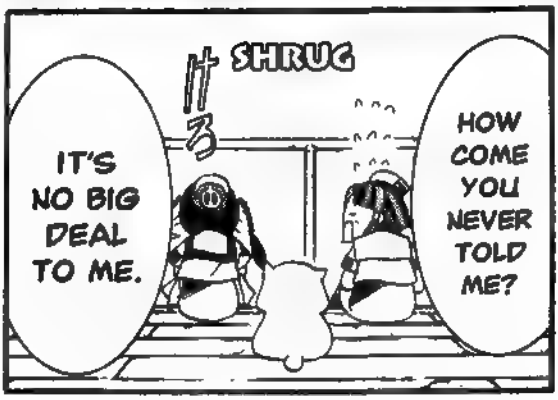

THEN HOW COME YOU DIDN'T...
WORK FOR THE SAME COMPANY AS HER?

TAKE OVER.
YUP.
...TAKE OVER?
HUH?

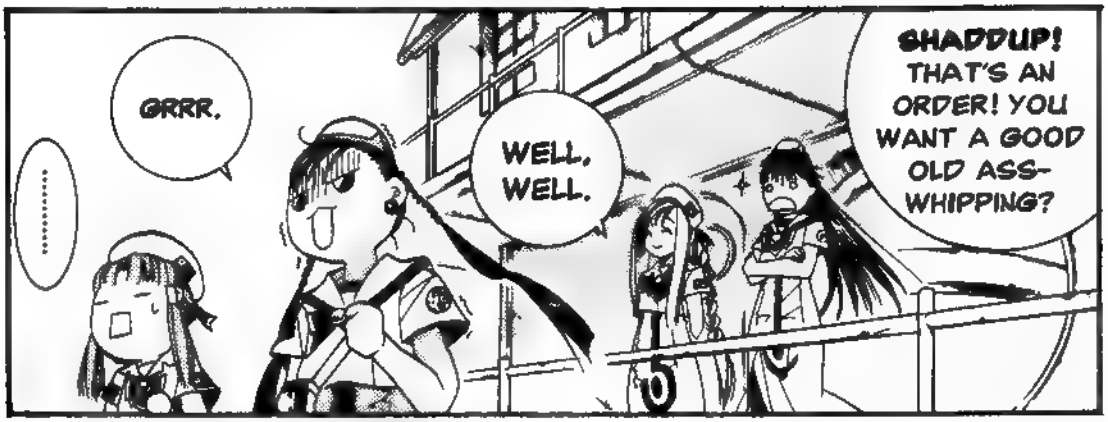
HUH? I'VE NEVER TOLD YOU THAT?
SO, YOUR PARENTS OWN HIME-YA?!
NO! NEVER!

WHAAAAAAT?!

SHE'S THE OWNER'S DAUGHTER.
I SEE.
ANYWAY, THAT'S THE REASON WHY I COULDN'T GO WORK FOR ARIA COMPANY.


SHRUG
IT'S NO BIG DEAL TO ME.
HOW COME YOU NEVER TOLD ME?

FLINCH
GYAAUGH!!
WELL, WELL.
YOU REALLY WANT ME TO KICK YOUR ASS, DON'T YOU?
GYAAARGH! GIVE ME MISS ALICIA!
TWEET TWEEEET
WHAT KIND OF NON-SENSE IS THAT?!
IF YOU WIN, YOU'LL BE RELEASED FROM THE EVIL HANDS OF ALICIA FOR GOOD!
GOOD LUCK!
AFTER A LONG, DEEP DISCUSSION WITH ALICIA,
WE DECIDED TO MAKE YOU TWO RACE.
EXCUSE ME MISS AKIRA,
BUT WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?


GRRR.
WELL, WELL.
SHADDUP! THAT'S AN ORDER! YOU WANT A GOOD OLD ASS-WHIPPING?

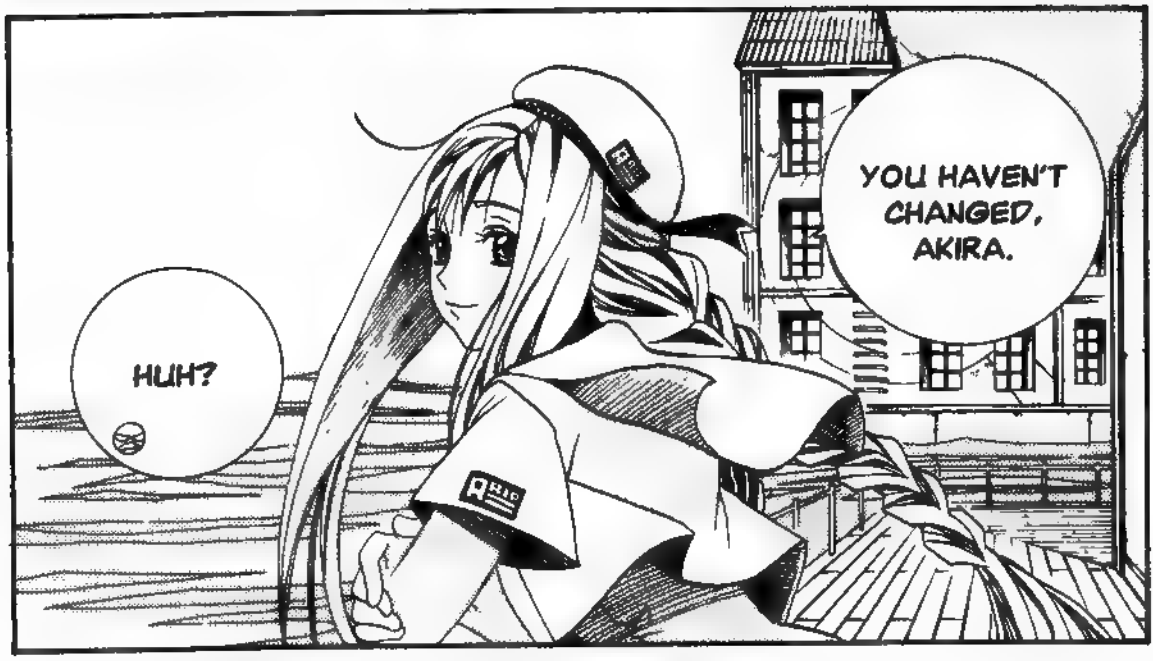
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'D BETTER WIN THIS FOR YOUR LIFE!
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, AIKA! YOU'RE MY NUMBER 1 STUDENT!
THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL YOU COULD LOSE AGAINST ALICIA'S LITTLE STUDENT!

GOOD LUCK, AKARI!
HEY, MISS ALICIA!

GO!!
Alright!
Arrgh!
SHADDUUP!! HURRY UP AND START THE RACE!

BY THE WAY, YOU'RE GOING TO BUY ME A YEAR'S SUPPLY OF WALNUT PASTRIES IF YOU LOSE THIS.
THAT'S 730 WALNUT PASTRIES!!

HEH HEH HEH.
GYAAAAAA!!
MAN, SHE HAS A COMEBACK FOR EVERY-THING.
I WONDER WHO SHE GOT THAT FROM.


HUH?
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED, AKIRA.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU KNUCKLE-HEAD!

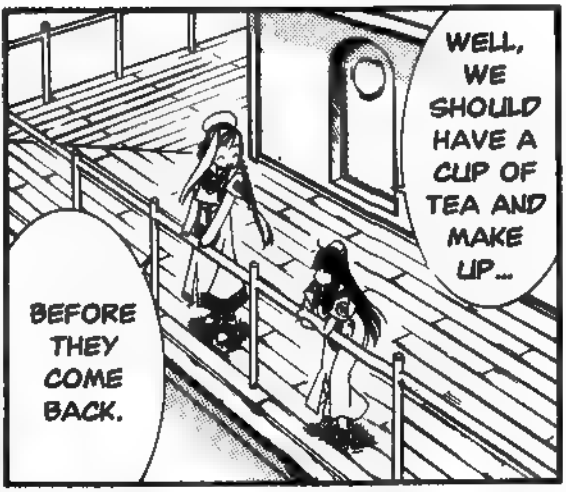
YOU VOLUNTARILY PLAYED THE BAD GUY IN THIS.
YOU REALLY ARE VERY SWEET FOR DOING THAT, AKIRA.

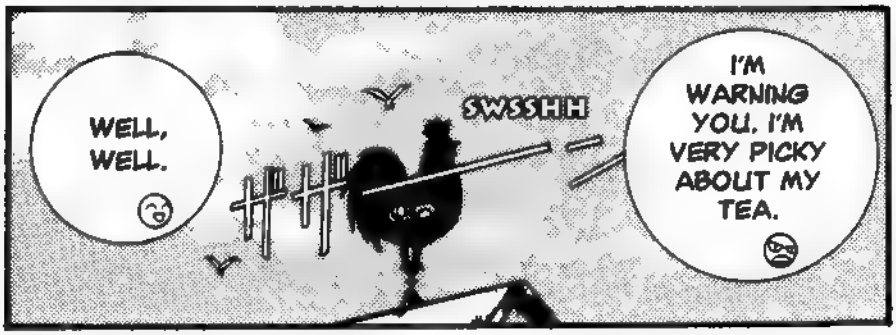
YOU MADE THEM RACE, JUST TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR AIKA
TO COME HOME WITH YOU, DIDN'T YOU?

I JUST WANT TO PROVE THAT I'M BETTER THAN YOU IN EVERY WAY...
AS AN UNDINE AND AS AN INSTRUCTOR.
WELL, WELL.
OK.
NOT REALLY.
AIKA'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM ME. SHE'S NOT VIOLENT OR ROUGH OR A SOURPUSS.
THEY SAY A STUDENT TURNS OUT TO BE LIKE HIS MASTER.
I THINK THAT'S SO TRUE.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
SHE'S DEFINITELY ON THE RIGHT TRACK...
AS AN UNDINE.
ARIA
OF COURSE. SHE'S GOT THE BEST MASTER, YOU KNOW.
AHEM!
HEH HEH HEH.

RIGHT, RIGHT.
SHE'S ALSO VERY DETERMINED.
BUT SHE'S ACTUALLY MORE AFFECTIONATE THAN ANYBODY.
SHE'S HONEST AND HARD-WORKING.
SHE CAN BE A LITTLE STUBBORN SOME-TIMES...
JUST LIKE YOU, AKIRA!

WELL, WELL.
PISSED OFF
SEE, THIS IS WHAT I HATE ABOUT YOU!!


WELL, WE SHOULD HAVE A CUP OF TEA AND MAKE UP...
BEFORE THEY COME BACK.


WELL, WELL.
SWSSHH
I'M WARNING YOU. I'M VERY PICKY ABOUT MY TEA.

IT ALWAYS ENDS UP LIKE THIS!
YOU SEE?
SHE DOESN'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT ANYBODY ELSE.
ONCE SHE DECIDES TO DO SOMETHING...
AIKA?
BUT SHE'S JUST TOO AGGRES-SIVE SOME-TIMES.
I KNOW THAT SHE CARES ABOUT ME AND ALL...
JUST A LITTLE SIDE TRIP!
WAVE WAVE ちょこちょこ
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I'M THE HEIR TO HIME-YA, RIGHT?
...
WHAT?
THAT'S JUST HER WAY OF SHOWING SHE CARES.
Hard to believe, though.
A bakery?
WHAT ABOUT THE RACE?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
THEY DON'T WANT TO GET INTO ANY TROUBLE WITH ME.
ARE PRETTY NICE TO ME.
SO, ALL THE OTHER EMPLOYEES OF HIME-YA...

THE ONLY PERSON WHO'S VERY HONEST WITH ME.

SO ACTUALLY, MISS AKIRA IS...

SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...

Alright, we're going in.

OKAY.

I SEE.

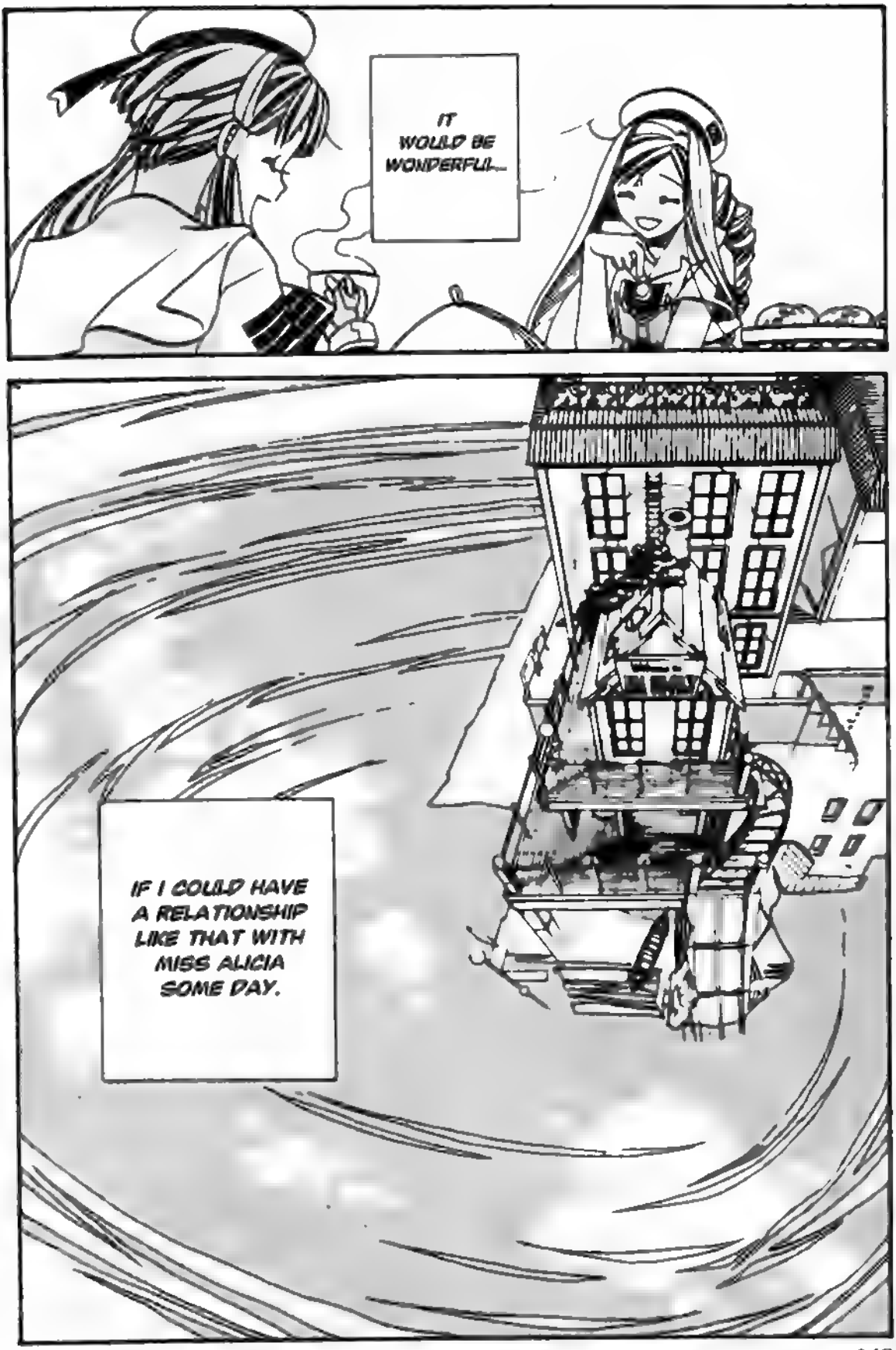
.....

SO...
SWSSHH
WHY DID YOU TWO TAKE YOUR GOOD OLD TIME...
WALKING BACK TOGETHER, HMM?
THIS IS A TOKEN OF MY APOLOGY.
TA-DA
WHAT THE-?!
Hmm?
ERRR... I QUIT IT.
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BOATS? WHAT ABOUT THE RACE?
FORGIVE ME!
PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AND...

Walnut pastries
rustle
かさごそ
Err
ぅぃっ
ギロ
GLARE
NYU!
Why??
えぇ〜
Well, well.
あらあら
YOU'RE SPARED!
ぃやほーいっ
Yahoo!

TO GO BACK TO HIME-YA WITH MISS AKIRA.
AIKA AGREED ...
AFTER ALL THE DRAMA,
TODAY, THEY SHOWED ME...
HOW STRONG THE BOND IS BETWEEN THEM.

AND I CAN'T LIE AND SAY...
THAT I WASN'T ENVIOUS...
AND MAYBE EVEN A LITTLE JEALOUS.
OF THEIR RELATION-SHIP...


IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL...
IF I COULD HAVE A RELATIONSHIP LIKE THAT WITH MISS ALICIA SOME DAY.

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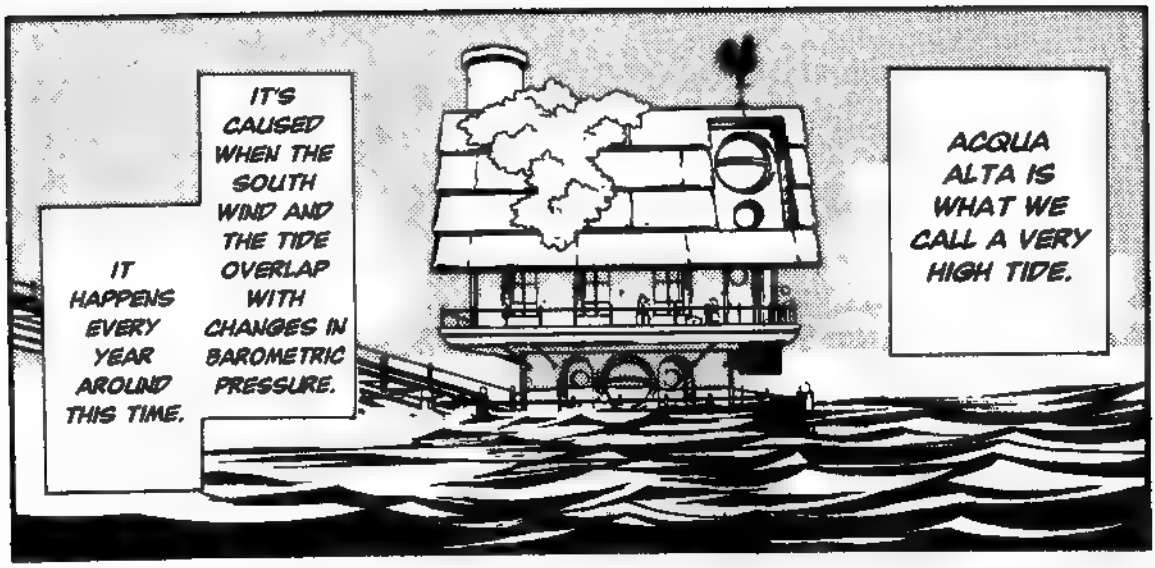
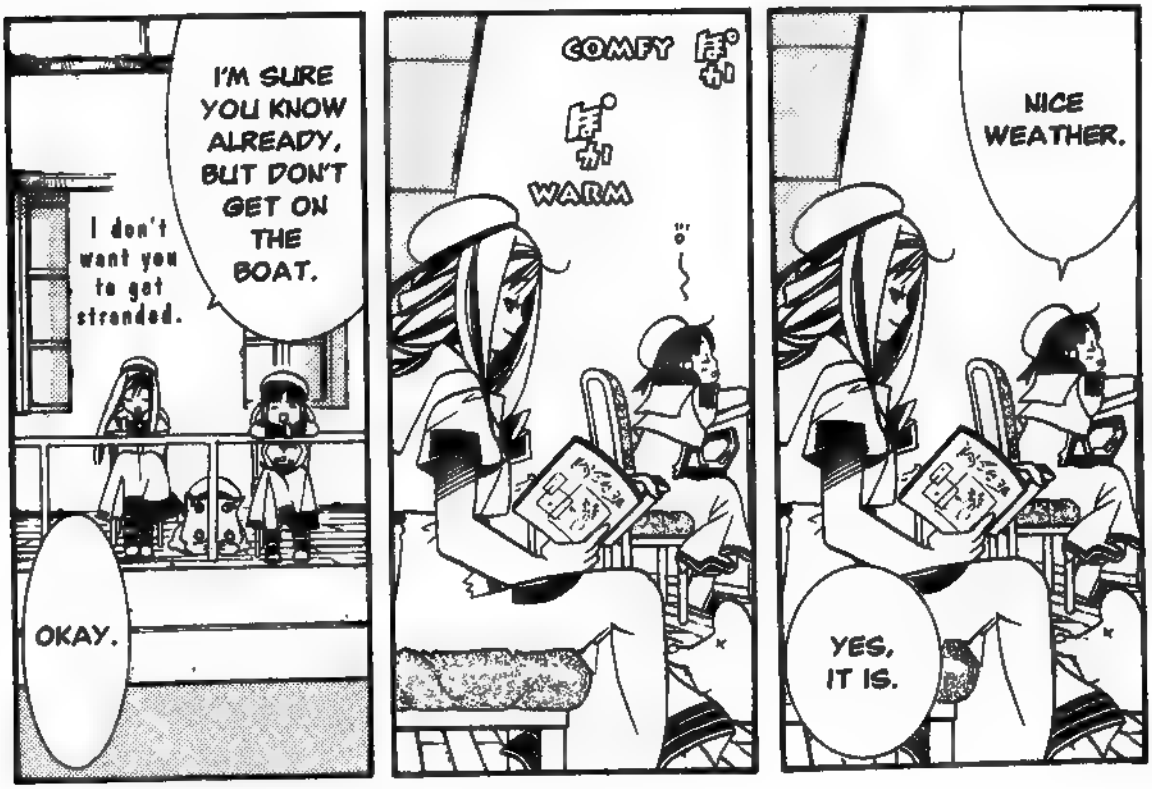
FESTA DEL BOCCOLO

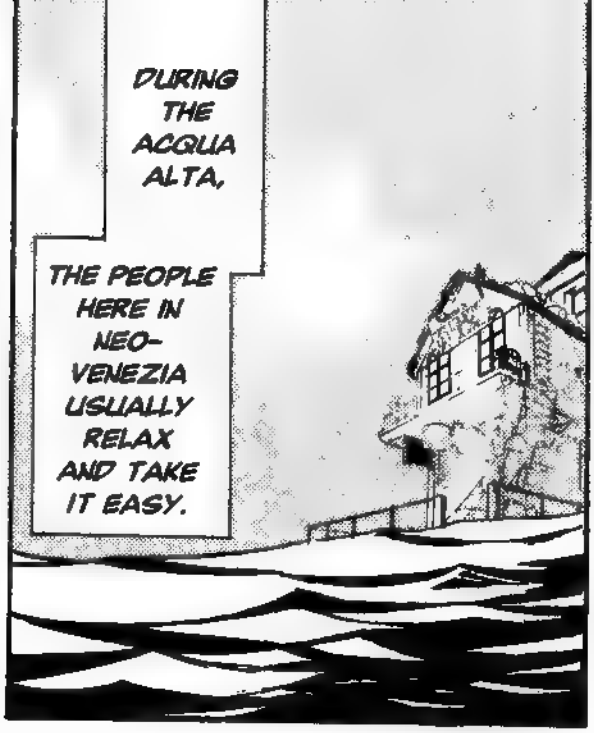
SKREE
SKREE
SKREE
RIGHT NOW...
HELLO. HOW ARE YOU?
HAS ARRIVED ON NEO-VENEZIA.
A SEASON THAT'S A LOT LIKE THE RAINY SEASON IN JAPAN...
SWSHH

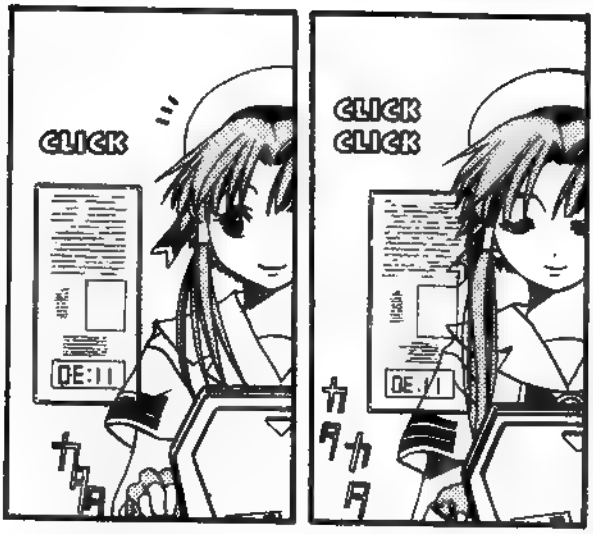
IT'S FLOODED IN THE HOUSE.
YES.
IT'S FLOODED.
YES.
MISS ALICIA!
SLOSH SLOSH
IT'S ACQUA ALTA!
WHOOPEE!
WELL, WELL.
GOOD MORNING, AKARI!


ACQUA ALTA IS WHAT WE CALL A VERY HIGH TIDE.
IT'S CAUSED WHEN THE SOUTH WIND AND THE TIDE OVERLAP WITH CHANGES IN BAROMETRIC PRESSURE.
IT HAPPENS EVERY YEAR AROUND THIS TIME.

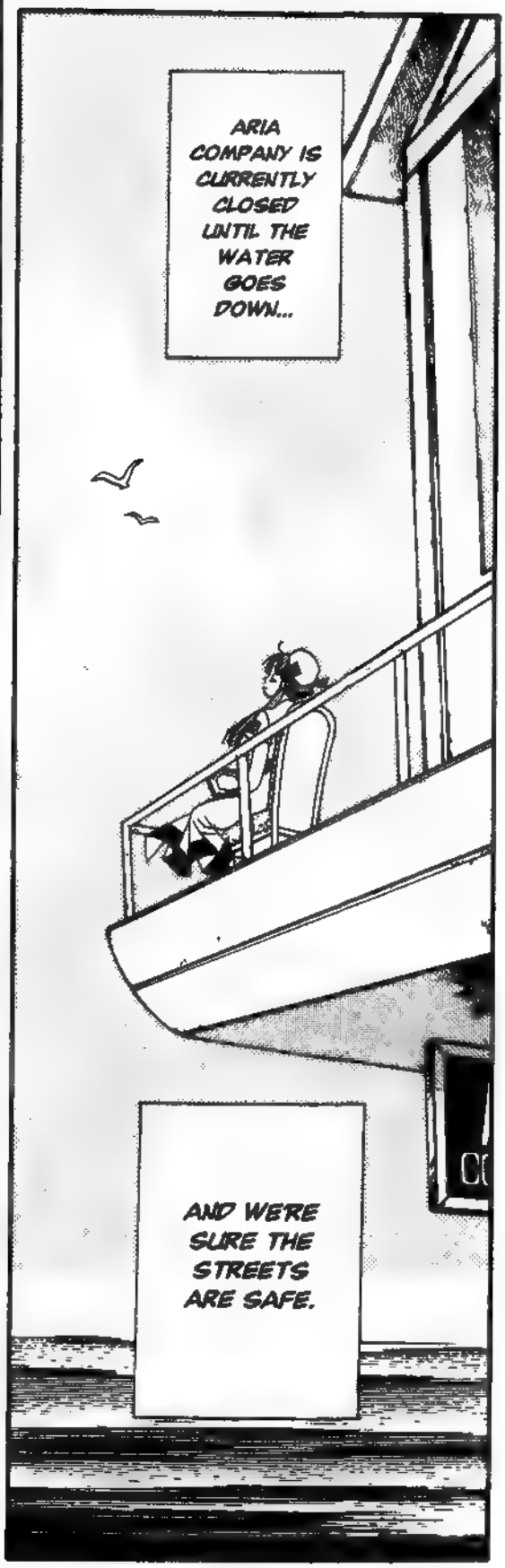
SO, EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK IN THIS TOWN, ALL YOU SEE IS WATER, WATER AND MORE WATER RIGHT NOW.
BASKIN' IN THE SUN
HMMM...


I'M SURE YOU KNOW ALREADY, BUT DON'T GET ON THE BOAT.
I don't want you to get stranded.
OKAY.
COMFY WARM
NICE WEATHER.
YES, IT IS.


DURING THE ACQUA ALTA,
THE PEOPLE HERE IN NEO-VENEZIA USUALLY RELAX AND TAKE IT EASY.


CLICK
CLICK CLICK

WELL, WELL.
DON'T YOU NEED TO GET READY FOR THE BOAT ASSOCIATION MEETING?
HEY, MISS ALICIA.


ARIA COMPANY IS CURRENTLY CLOSED UNTIL THE WATER GOES DOWN...
AND WE'RE SURE THE STREETS ARE SAFE.

THANKS FOR REMINDING ME, AKARI.
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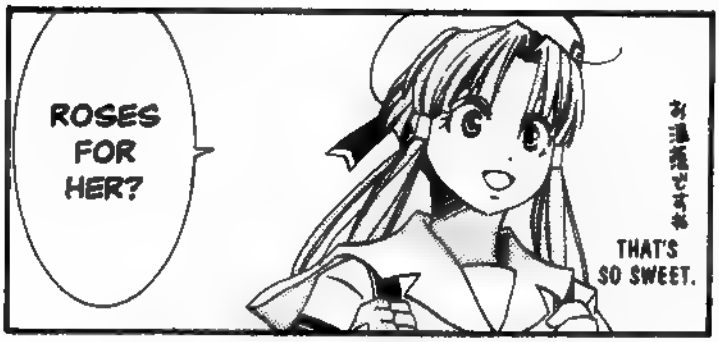
CHK CHK CHK CHK
PHEW, I ALMOST FORGOT.
SCREE
SCREE
AAAAHH
OKAY.
See you later.
I SHOULD BE BACK BY THIS EVENING.
NYU!
IT'S SO NICE AND WARM.
DON'T YOU AGREE, PRESIDENT ARIA?
SWSSHH

CLICK
THANK YOU FOR CALLING ARIA COMPANY...
Yo! It's me.
RING
RING
CHK CHK CHK
COMING!
COMING!
RING
It's ME!
EXCUSE ME?
BEEP BEEP
PIGTAILS?
Got it, Pigtails?
CLANG
Get your butt over to Boots Campo, RIGHT NOW!!
DING
AKATSUKI?
WAS THAT...

I'LL BE OUT FOR A WHILE, PRESIDENT ARIA, SO PLEASE
TAKE CARE OF THINGS AROUND HERE WHILE I'M GONE.
PULL
HRM.
THERE.
THPT
TIE
NYU!
PULL
NYU!
AL-RIGHT,
LET'S GO TO-GETHER THEN!
DA-DUM
どーん
PUNYU!!

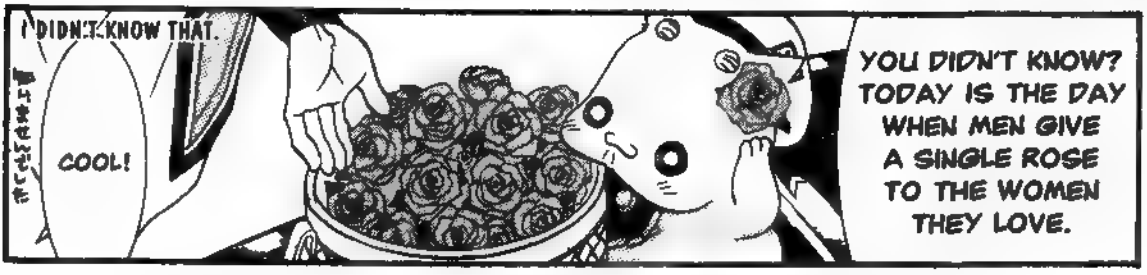
NYU!
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF ACQUA ALTA.
THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE AROUND,
I WONDER WHY ALL THE WOMEN
ARE WEARING RED ROSES ON THEIR CHESTS.

TUG
YOU'RE LATE, PIGTAILS.
I KNEW IT.
AKATSUKI.
HAIR-PULLING IS PROHIBITED.
AND I'M NOT PIGTAILS.
WHAT?
HUMPH!
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR HAVING SUCH BIG PIGTAILS. YOU'RE JUST ASKING TO BE TEASED.
SHOCK!
NO WAY!
WHY?


ROSES FOR HER?
お薔薇ですね
THAT'S SO SWEET.

SO MANY OF THEM!
いっぱい
WHOA!
わー
WHAT ARE ALL THE ROSES FOR?
BLUSH
I WAS GOING TO GIVE THEM TO MISS ALICIA.

THE FESTA DEL BOC-COLO?
YES. TODAY IS THE "FESTA DEL BOCCOLO."
絶好のチャンスだ
A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY.


I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.
COOL!
YOU DIDN'T KNOW? TODAY IS THE DAY WHEN MEN GIVE A SINGLE ROSE TO THE WOMEN THEY LOVE.

I SEE...
WHO CARES ABOUT THE STORY BEHIND IT.
THE FESTA DEL BOCCOLO IS FOR GIVING ROSES.

HOW WOULD I KNOW?
BUT WHY ROSES?
WHY NOT CHOCOLATE?

FOOL!
YOU HAVE A LOT MORE THAN JUST ONE ROSE, THOUGH.
IT WOULD TAKE EVERY SINGLE ROSE IN THIS TOWN TO SHOW MY ETERNAL LOVE FOR HER!
DO YOU THINK ONE ROSE IS GOOD ENOUGH TO SHOW MY NOBLE AFFECTION TOWARDS MISS ALICIA?
EXACTLY.
SO BASICALLY, YOU CALLED ME BECAUSE
YOU SHOULD BE FLATTERED.
YOU COULDN'T CARRY ALL THESE ROSES BY YOURSELF. RIGHT?
MY NAME ISN'T PIGTAILS.
ビ〜ん
YOU UNDERSTAND, RIGHT PIGTAILS?
HUMPH
ERRR...

NO TIME TO FOOL AROUND, PIGTAILS!
COMING!
C'MON, LET'S GO!
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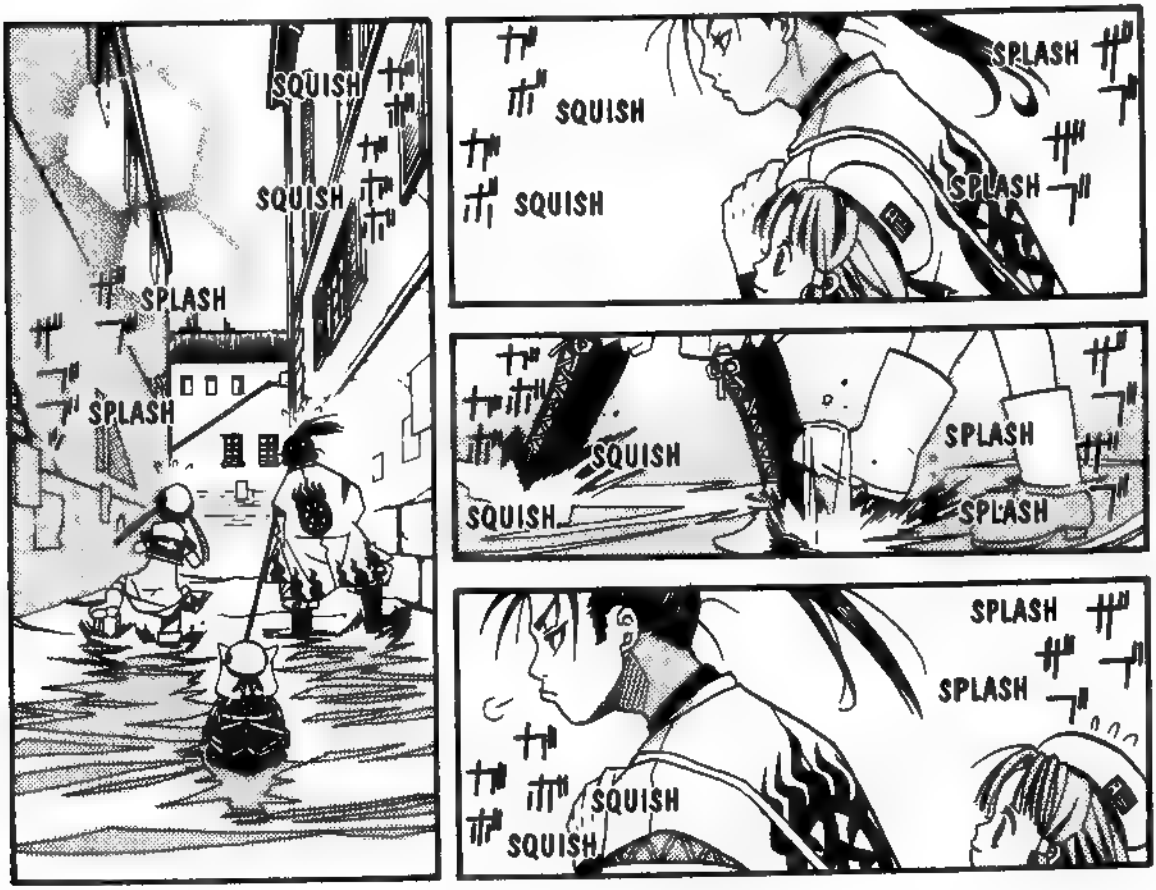
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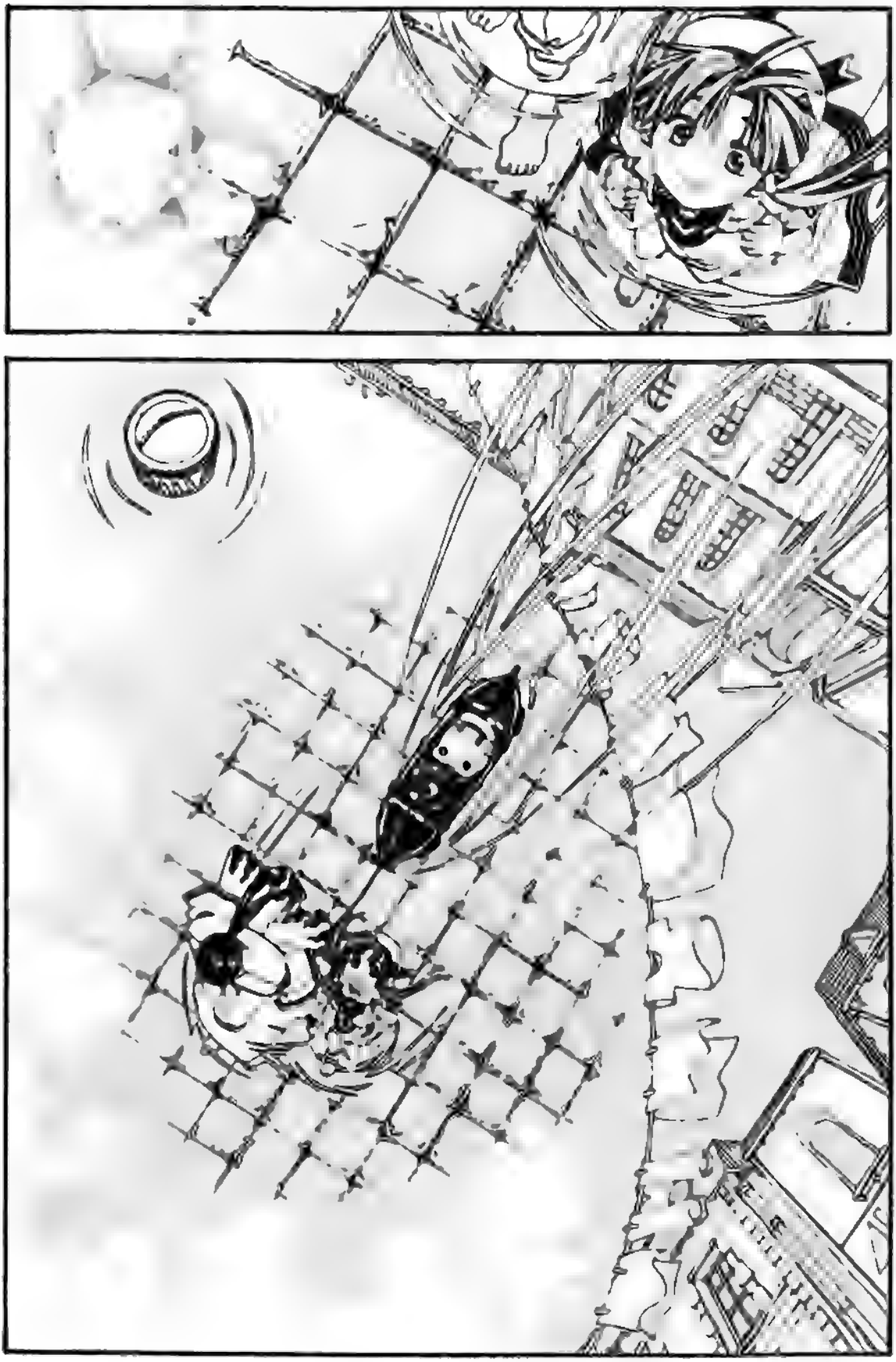
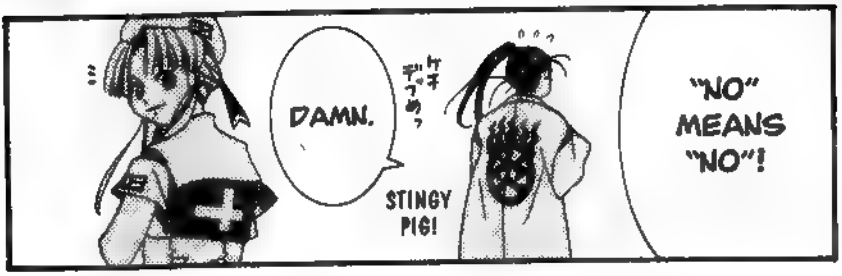
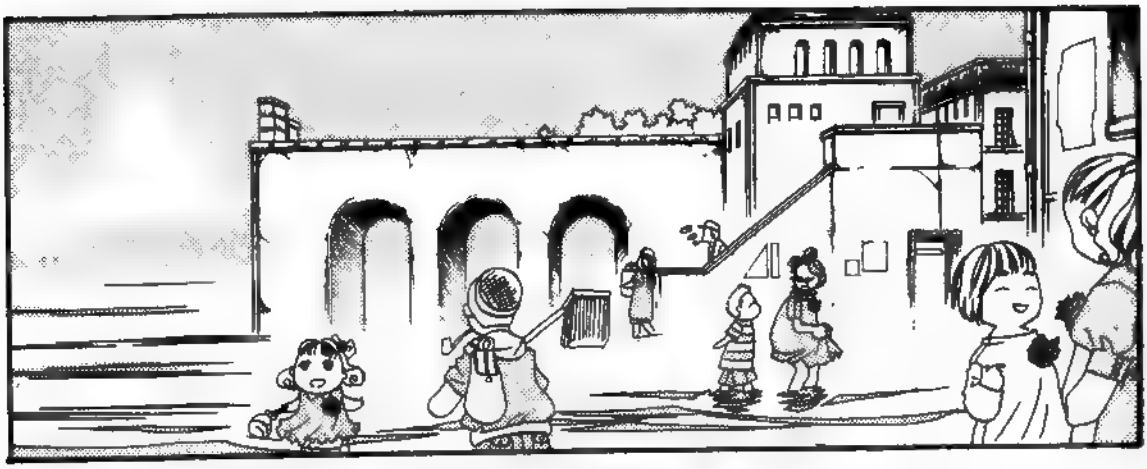
WHAT?
AAAHHHHHH
THE COLD STONE PAVEMENT FEELS GOOD.
YUP.
DRIP



DAMN.
HELL NO!
CAN'T YOU COME DOWN A LITTLE MORE ON THE PRICE, OLD MAN?

SWSSHH


DAMN.
ケチ
STINGY PIG!
"NO" MEANS "NO"!



NYU!
I WONDER WHAT IT MEANS.

HMM, THE FESTA DEL BOCCOLO.
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DO YOU WANNA KNOW MORE ABOUT IT?
OH!
OH, THANKS.
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HAHAHA

IT MEANS "FESTIVAL OF ROSES."

YES, PLEASE DO!
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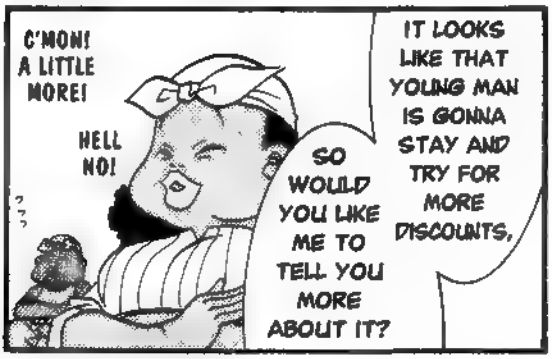
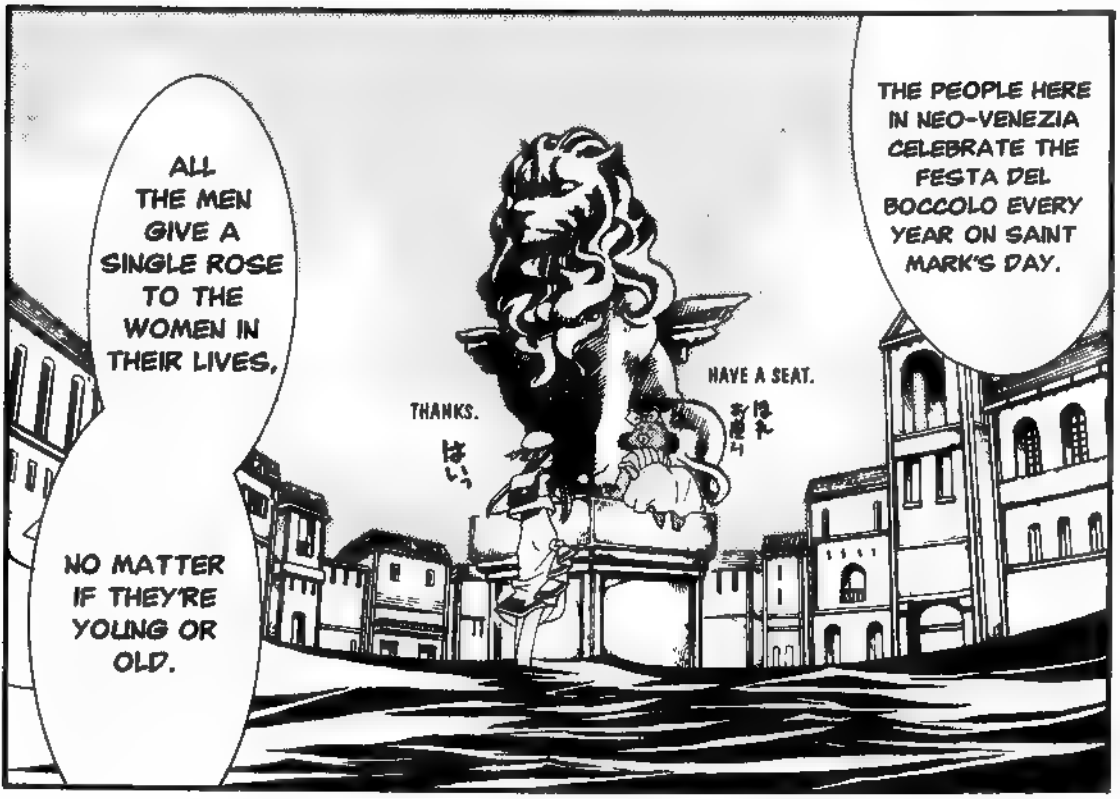
REALLY?
THEN I'M NOT BUYING.
WHAT?!


C'MON! A LITTLE MORE!
HELL NO!
SO WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO TELL YOU MORE ABOUT IT?
IT LOOKS LIKE THAT YOUNG MAN IS GONNA STAY AND TRY FOR MORE DISCOUNTS.


ALL THE MEN GIVE A SINGLE ROSE TO THE WOMEN IN THEIR LIVES,
NO MATTER IF THEY'RE YOUNG OR OLD.
THANKS.
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HAVE A SEAT.
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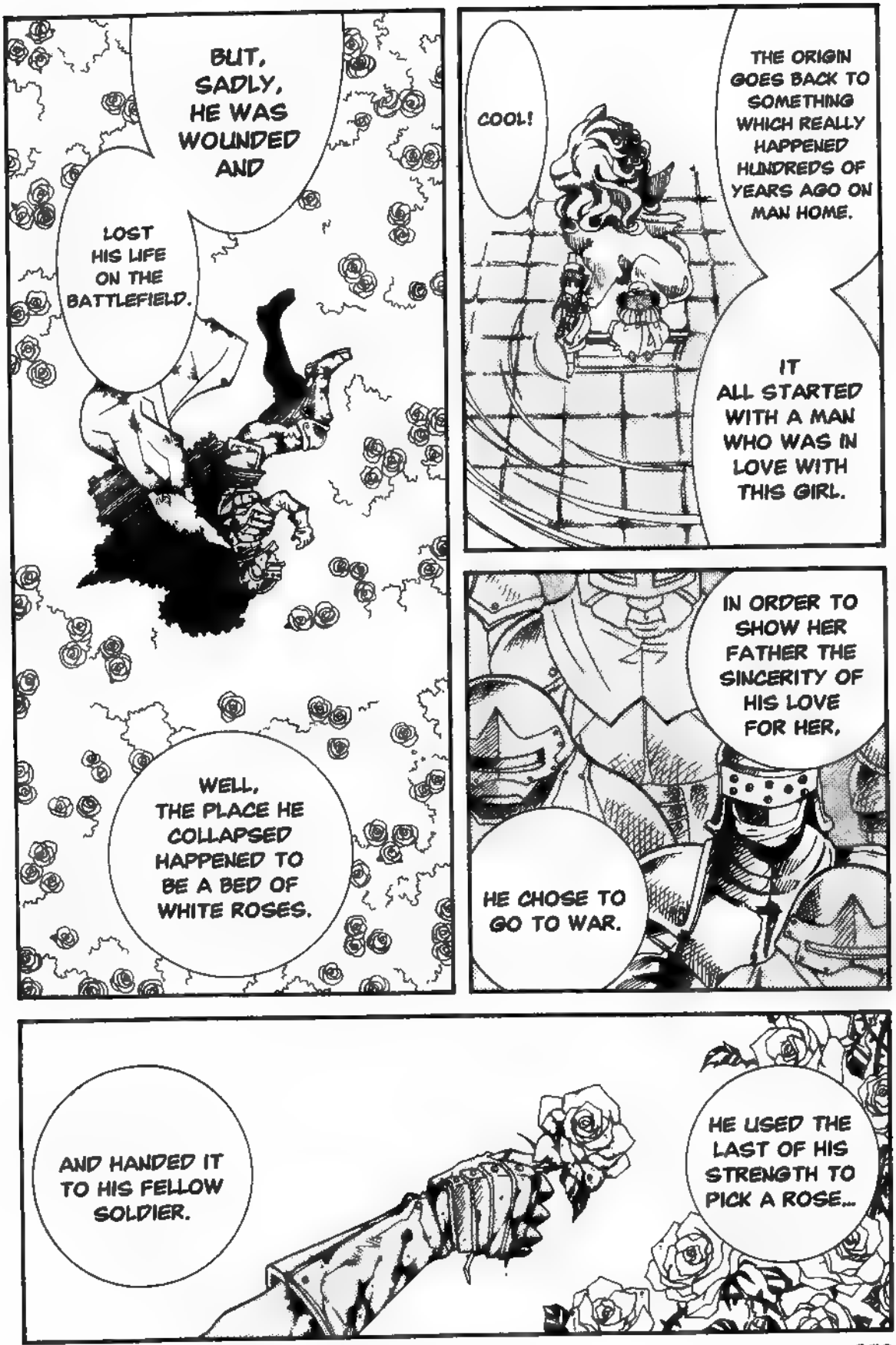
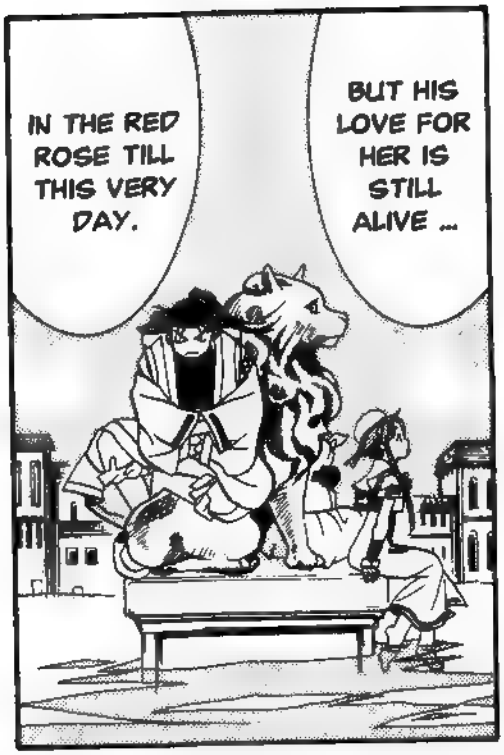
THE PEOPLE HERE IN NEO-VENEZIA CELEBRATE THE FESTA DEL BOCCOLO EVERY YEAR ON SAINT MARK'S DAY.

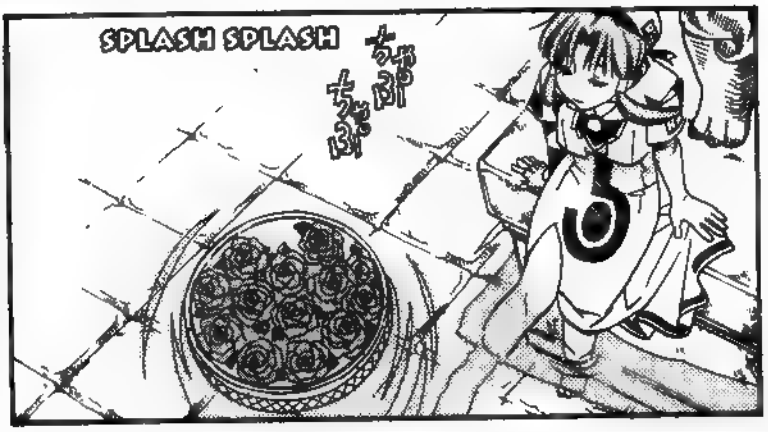

COOL!
THE ORIGIN GOES BACK TO SOMETHING WHICH REALLY HAPPENED HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO ON MAN HOME.
IT ALL STARTED WITH A MAN WHO WAS IN LOVE WITH THIS GIRL.
IN ORDER TO SHOW HER FATHER THE SINCERITY OF HIS LOVE FOR HER,
HE CHOSE TO GO TO WAR.
BUT, SADLY, HE WAS WOUNDED AND
LOST HIS LIFE ON THE BATTLEFIELD.
WELL, THE PLACE HE COLLAPSED HAPPENED TO BE A BED OF WHITE ROSES.
AND HANDED IT TO HIS FELLOW SOLDIER.
HE USED THE LAST OF HIS STRENGTH TO PICK A ROSE...

THE RED ROSE STANDS FOR ETERNAL LOVE.
.....
HOHOHO...
IT'S A SAD STORY, BUT ALSO VERY ROMANTIC, ISN'T IT?
AND THAT'S THE STORY BEHIND THE FESTA DEL BOCCOLO.
WHEN THE GIRL RECEIVED THE SINGLE WHITE ROSE, COVERED IN HIS BLOOD...
SHE LEARNED HER BELOVED HAD DIED.
I FEEL SORRY FOR THAT MAN.
IT'S REALLY AMAZING.
.....
YOU'RE DONE HAGGLING OVER THE PRICE ALREADY?
YEAH, I SCORED A GREAT VICTORY!

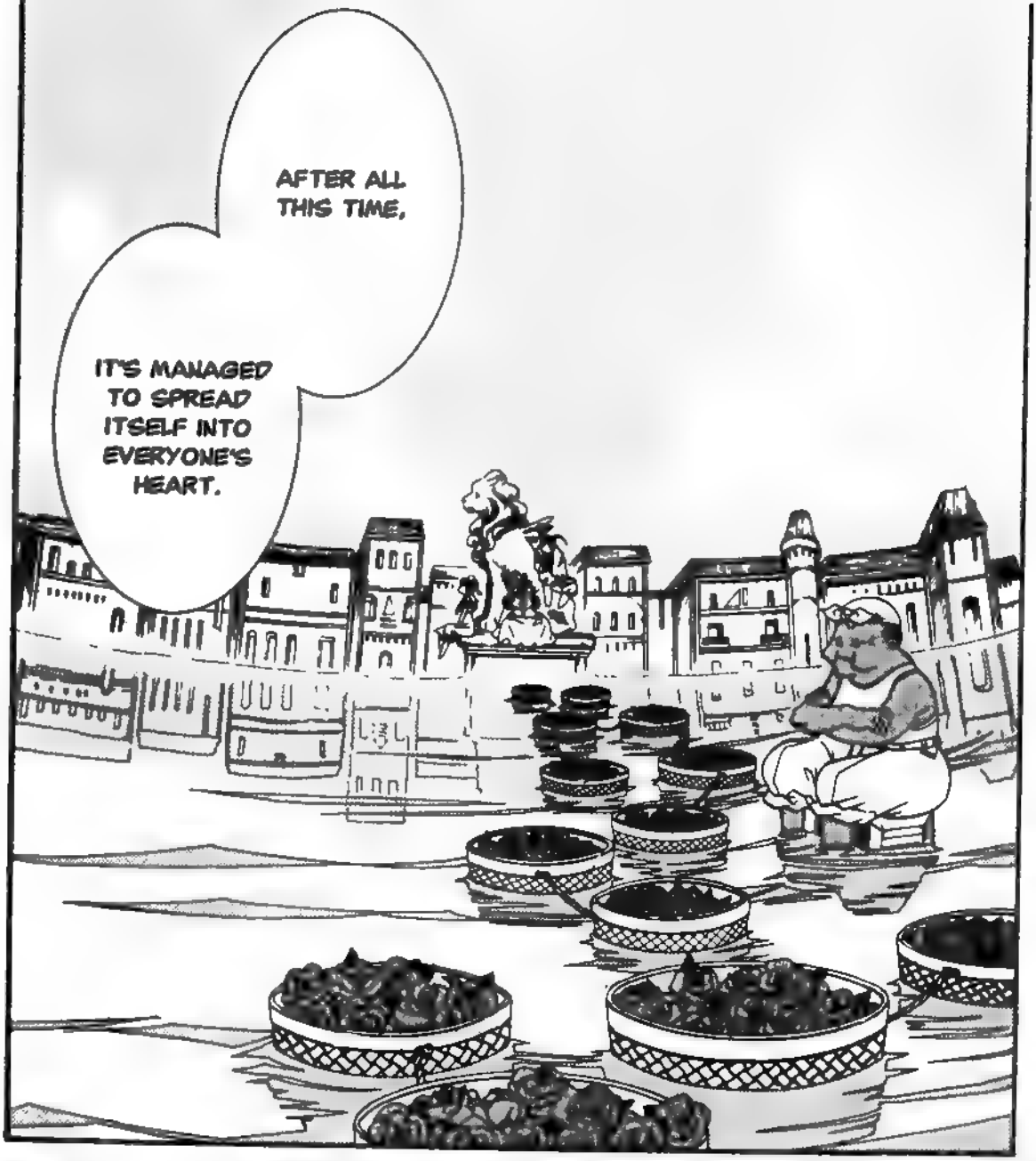

IN THE RED ROSE TILL THIS VERY DAY.
BUT HIS LOVE FOR HER IS STILL ALIVE ...

I KNOW THE BOY AND GIRL DIED...
HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO...

BECAUSE LOVE IS CONTAGIOUS.


SPLASH SPLASH

LOVE...
NOW I GET IT...

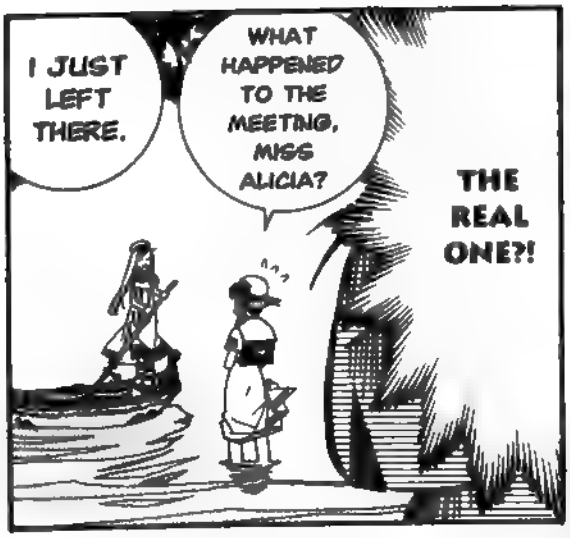

AFTER ALL THIS TIME,
IT'S MANAGED TO SPREAD ITSELF INTO EVERYONE'S HEART.

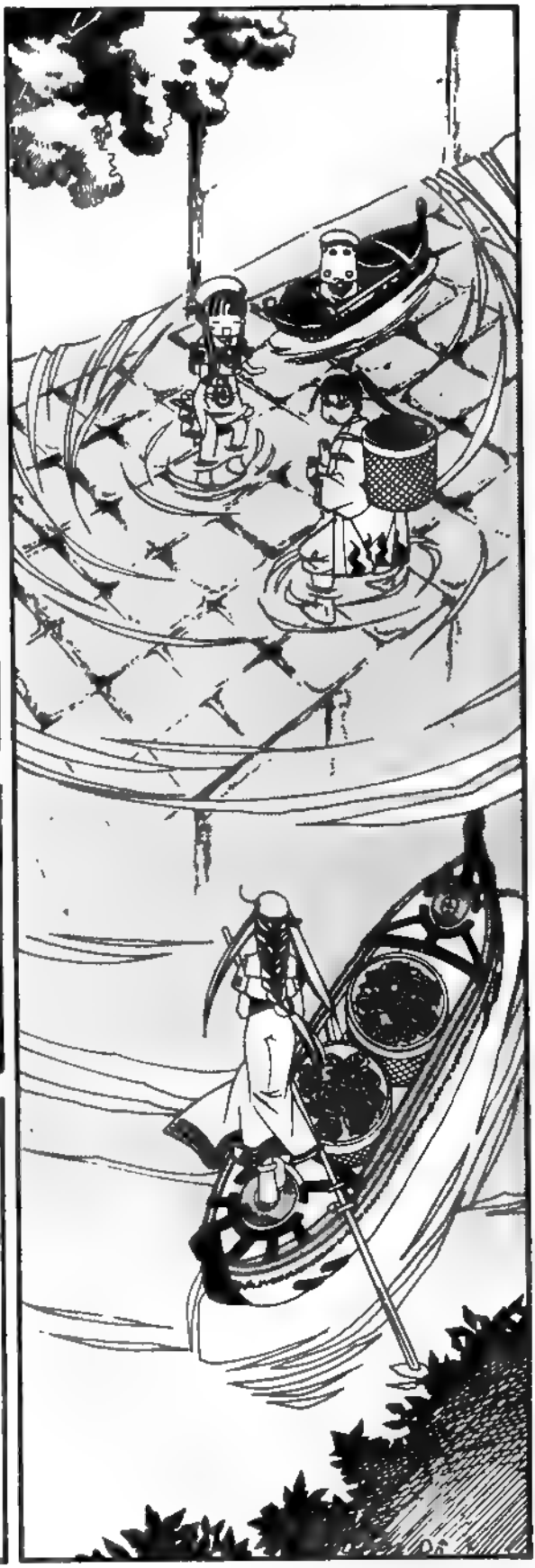
TACKY COMMENTS ARE PROHIBITED, PIGTAILS!
WHA?

.....
Hehehe

ALRIGHT. I'M ALL SET.
ding-dong
BWSH!
WELL, WELL.
EXCUSE ME, MISS ALICIA!
DAZZLING
PIGTAILS, YOU PLAY MISS ALICIA!
I JUST HAVE TO REHEARSE HOW TO GIVE HER THE ROSES.
OKAY.
WELL, WELL.
... MY LOVE!!
HEH HEH HEH...
ACCEPT... MY...
ERR.. P... PLEASE...

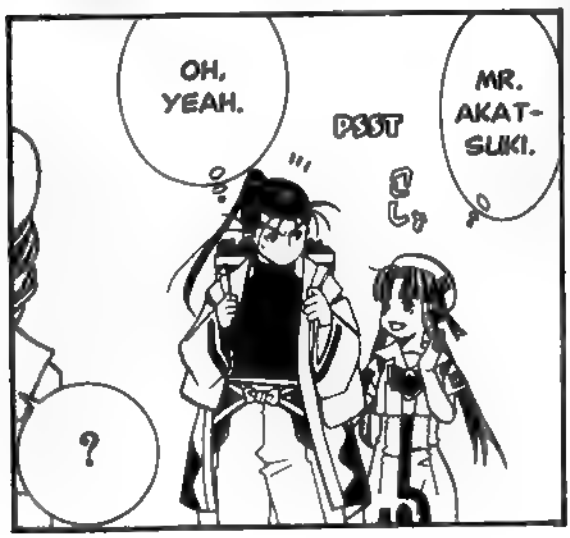
WHAAA?
FIRST OF ALL,
YOU DIDN'T SOUND LIKE HER AT ALL!
SHE'S NOT THAT EASY TO IMITATE!
てぃしゃ
A-HEM!
I THOUGHT I WAS DOING GREAT.
JUST SHADDUP!!
YOU'RE ALREADY NERVOUS AND THIS IS ONLY PRACTICE! ARE YOU GONNA BE OKAY?
And your face was really scary.
PSHHHH
YES!
Out... In
DEEP BREATH
In
OKAY, DO IT AGAIN FROM THE BEGINNING!
YES!
EXCUSE ME, MISS ALICIA?

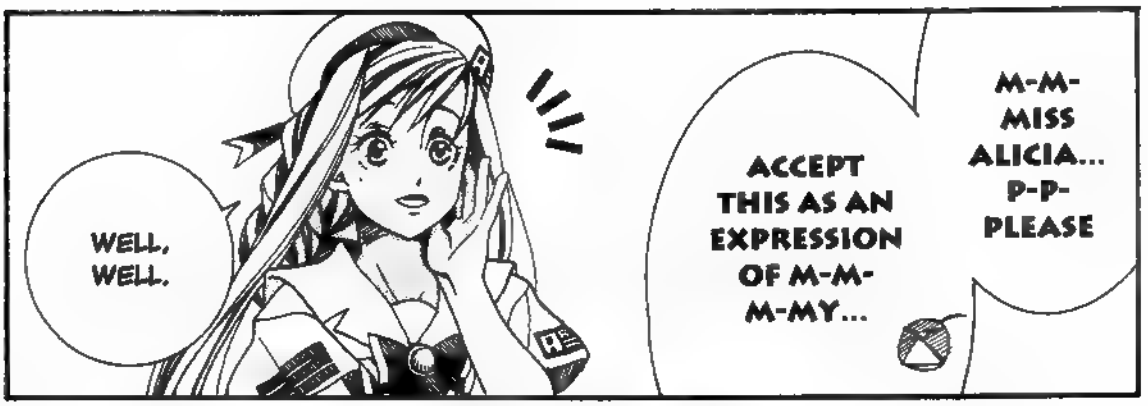

I JUST LEFT THERE.
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MEETING, MISS ALICIA?
THE REAL ONE?!

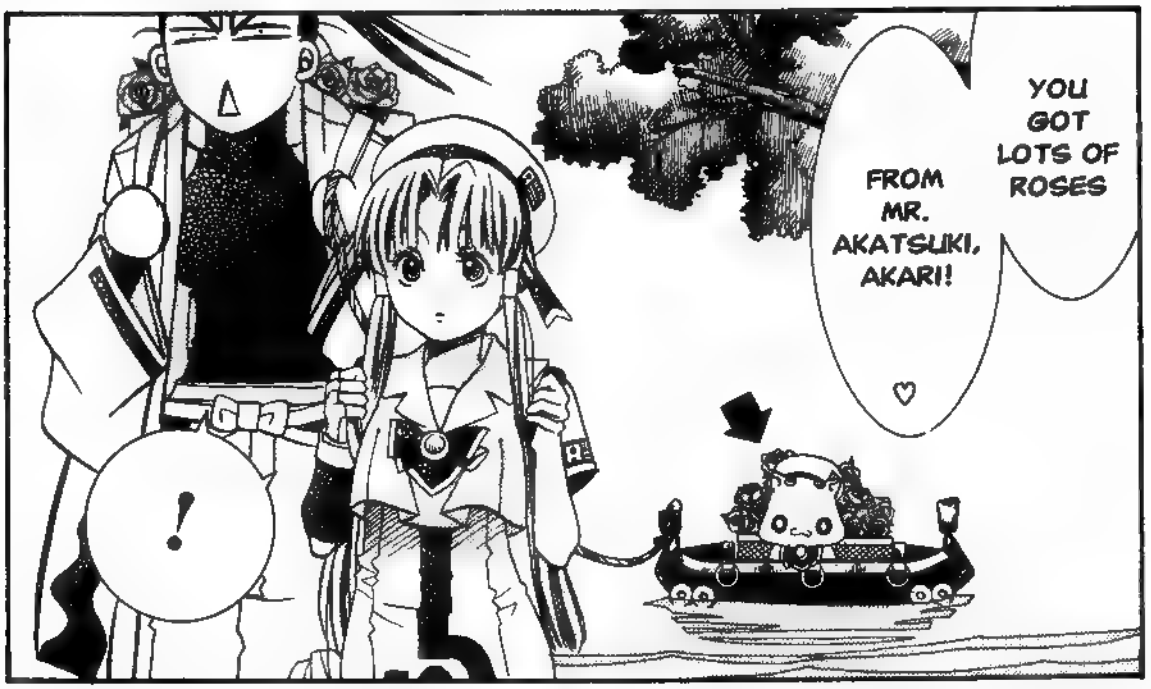


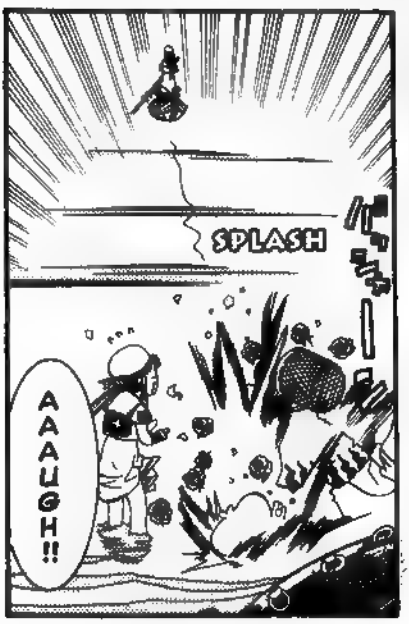
HEH HEH HEH.
WOW! LOOK AT ALL THE ROSES!

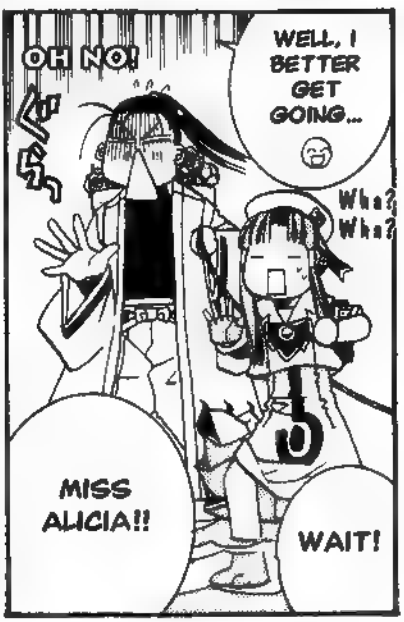
I GOT THEM FROM MY REGULAR CUS-TOMERS.
AND FROM PEOPLE I KNOW THROUGH WORK.

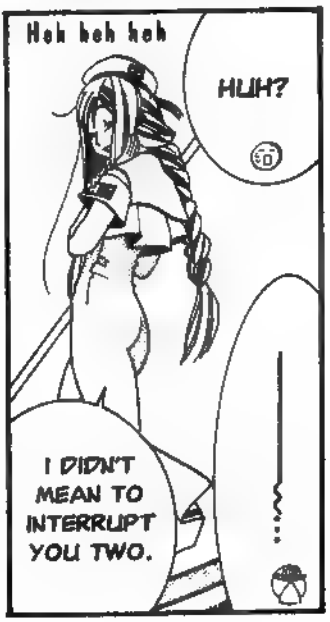

OH, YEAH.
PSST
MR. AKAT-SUKI.
?


WELL, WELL.
ACCEPT THIS AS AN EXPRESSION OF M-M-M-MY...
M-M-MISS ALICIA... P-P-PLEASE


!
FROM MR. AKATSUKI, AKARI!
YOU GOT LOTS OF ROSES


SPLASH
AAAUGH!!


OH NO!
WELL, I BETTER GET GOING...
Wha? Wha?
MISS ALICIA!!
WAIT!


Heh heh heh
HUH?
I DIDN'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT YOU TWO.
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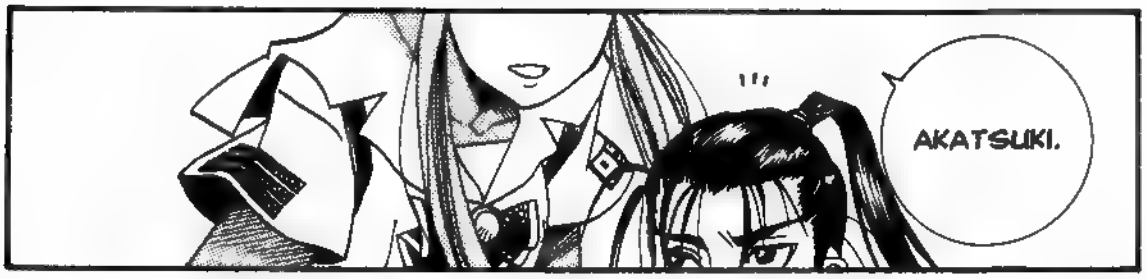
SPLASH
TWITCH
びくっ
FLOAT
AKATSUKI?
MISS ALICIA!!
COME BAAAAACK!!
slump
I'M OFFICIALLY A LOSER.


AKATSUKI.

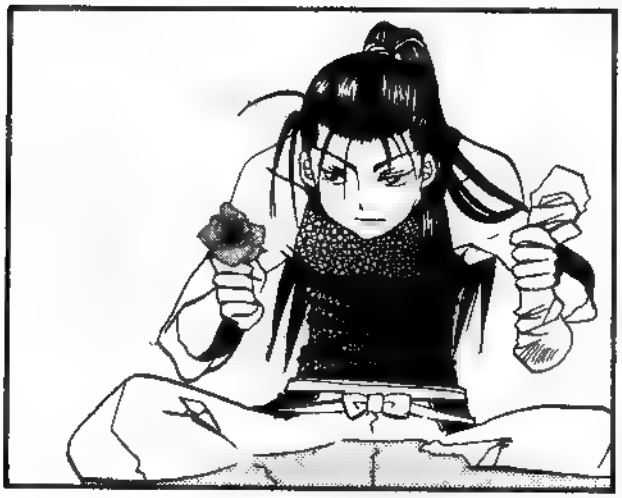
THAT.
LOOK AT...

YOUR LOVE FOR HER IS REFLECTED ON THE SURFACE OF THE WATER.

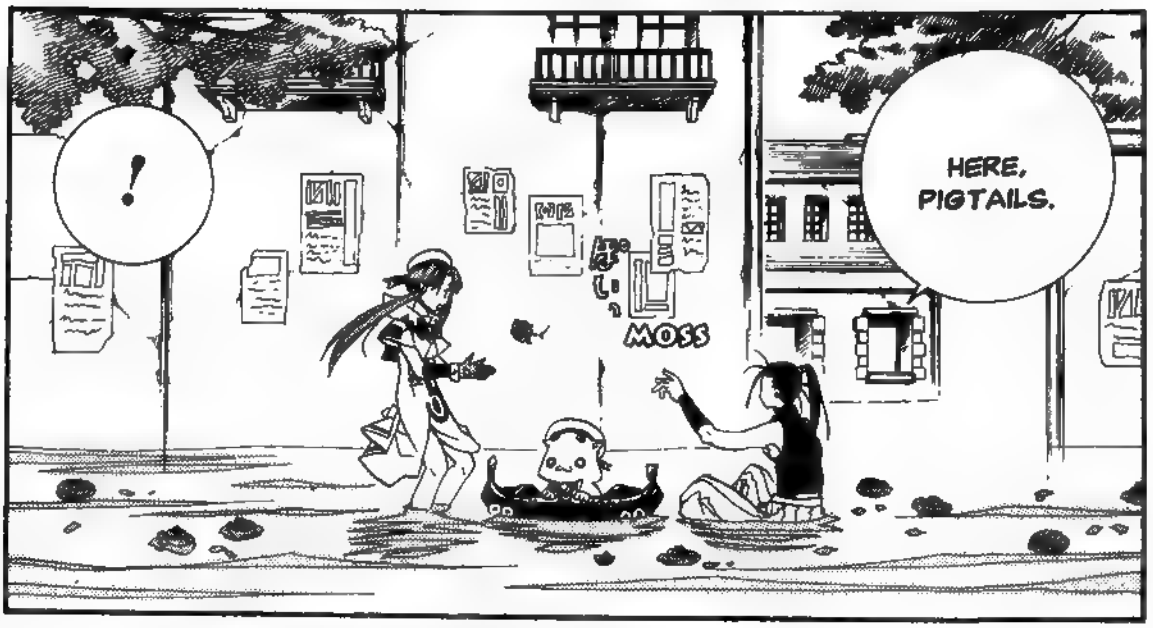
AND IT'S SPREADING **OUTWARDS.**

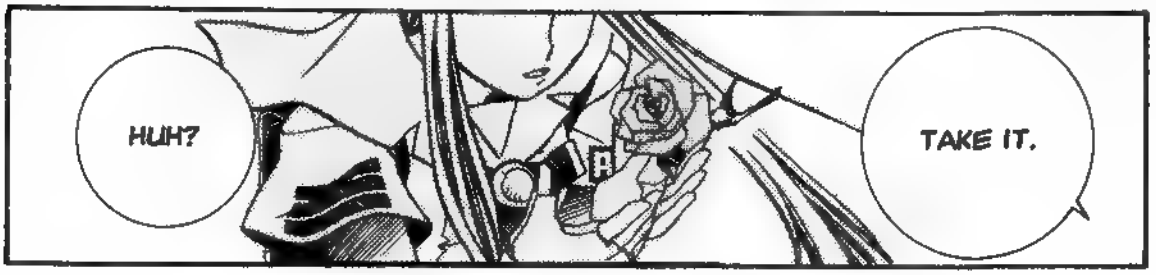
.....
Mm-hmm!
むん
AKATSUKI!
!!
IT'S GONNA BE OKAY.
I'M SURE YOUR LOVE...
WILL REACH HER ONE DAY.
.....

HEE HEE.
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT?



sploosh
WHOOPEE!
splash splash.


!
MOSS
HERE, PIGTAILS.


HUH?
TAKE IT.

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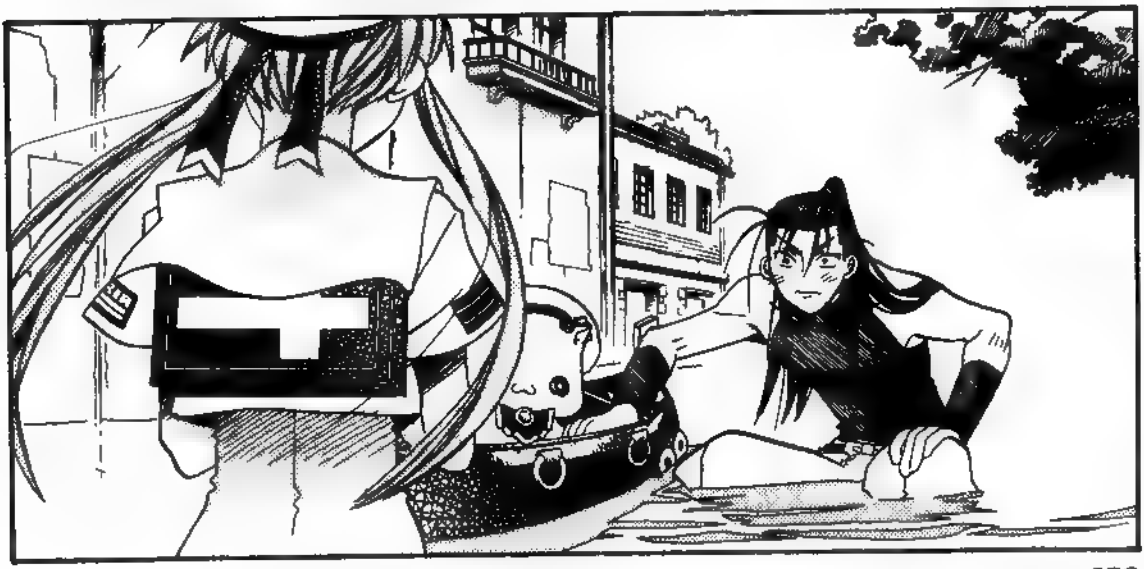
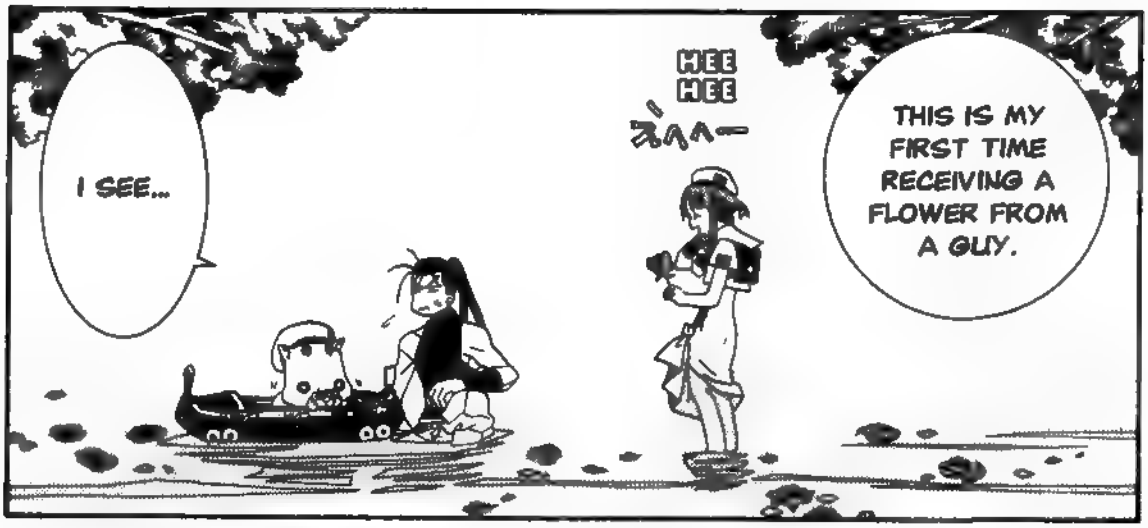
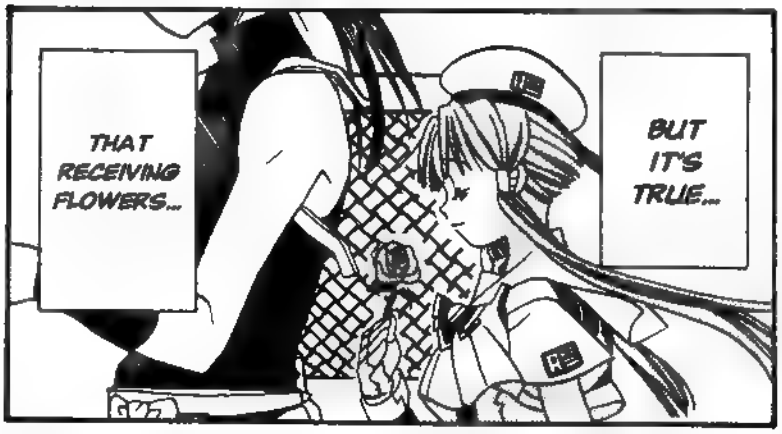
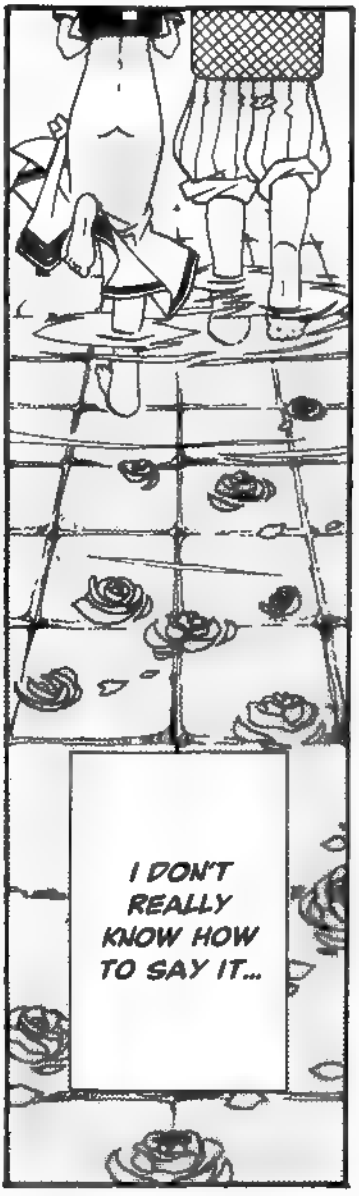
THAT'S TO THANK YOU FOR SPENDING THE DAY WITH ME.

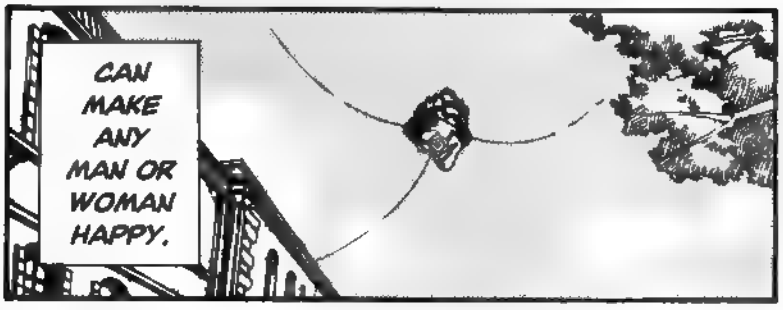
THANK YOU!

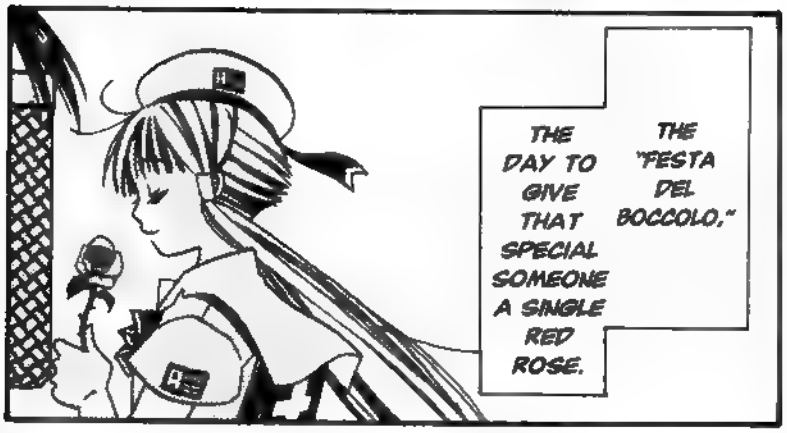


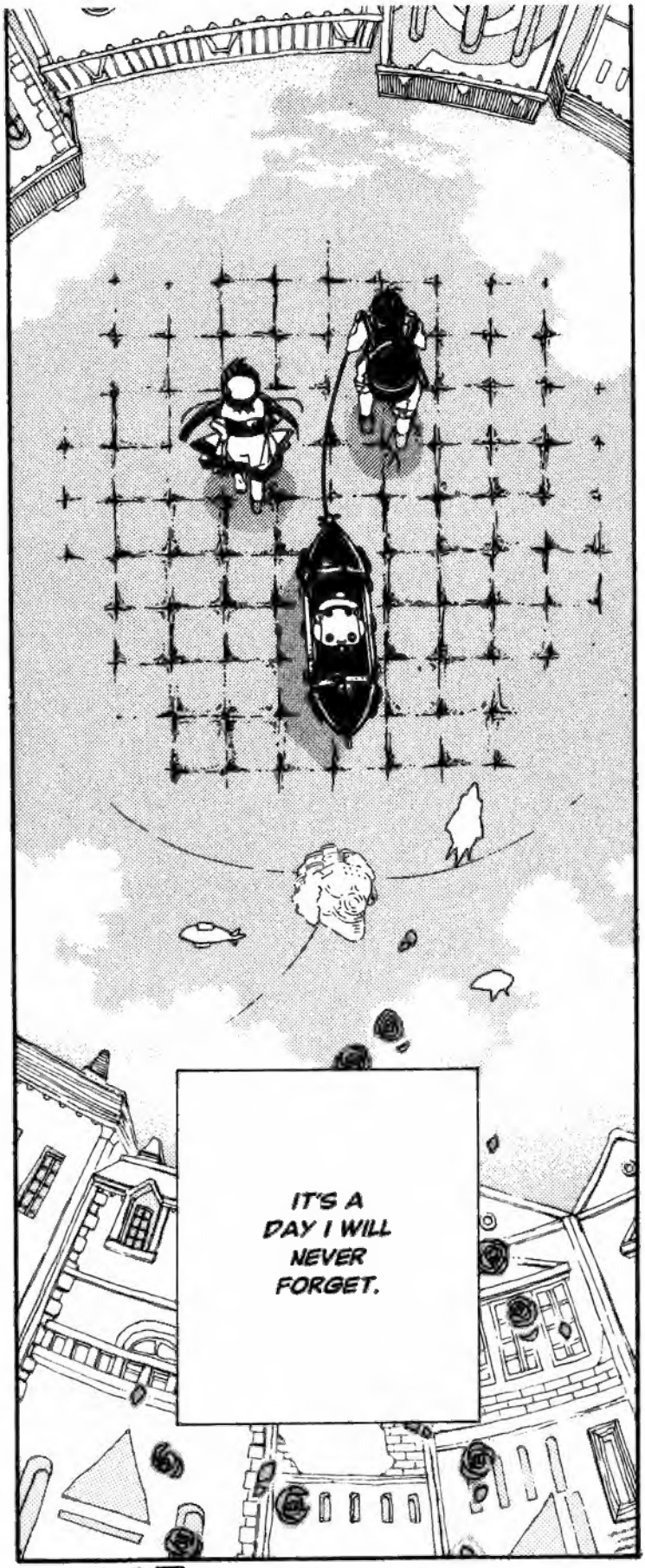

I SEE...
HEE HEE
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME RECEIVING A FLOWER FROM A GUY.

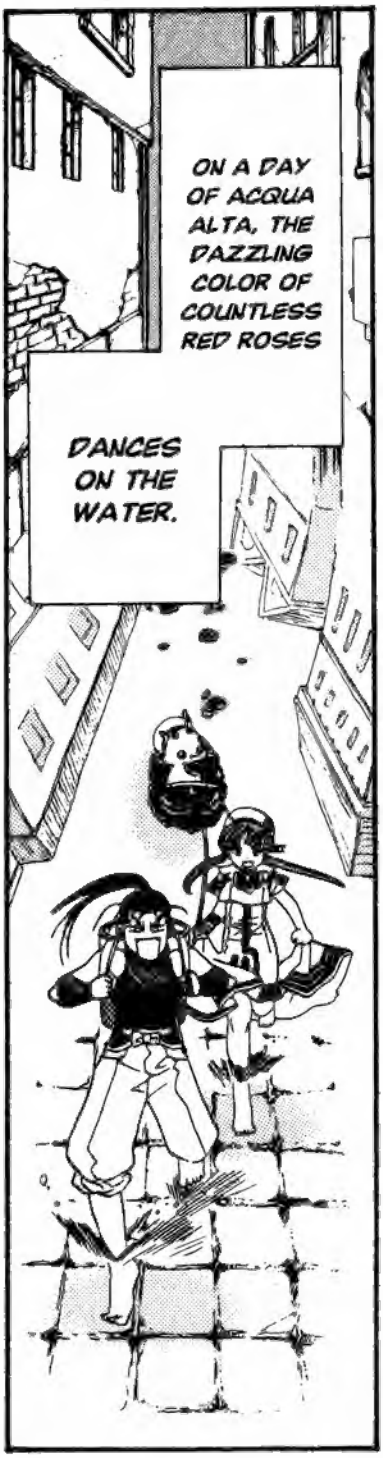

THAT RECEIVING FLOWERS...
BUT IT'S TRUE...


I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW TO SAY IT...


CAN MAKE ANY MAN OR WOMAN HAPPY.


THE DAY TO GIVE THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE A SINGLE RED ROSE.
THE "FESTA DEL BOCCOLO."





ARIA 3 THE END

Th—There's
no one
here!
GRARCH!
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ものぐさ倶楽部

MONOGUSA CLUB

HELLO, AMANO, HERE.

TODAY, I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT MY CATS—THOSE LITTLE RAYS OF SUNSHINE THAT BRIGHTEN UP MY OFFICE.

KOZUE AMANO 天野こずえ

SO SHE BRINGS HER CAT TO WORK.

Please be nice to her.

MY ASSISTANT IS GONE FROM HOME A LOT...

ARIA ♂

He's bulky, but also a coward.

Hime ♀

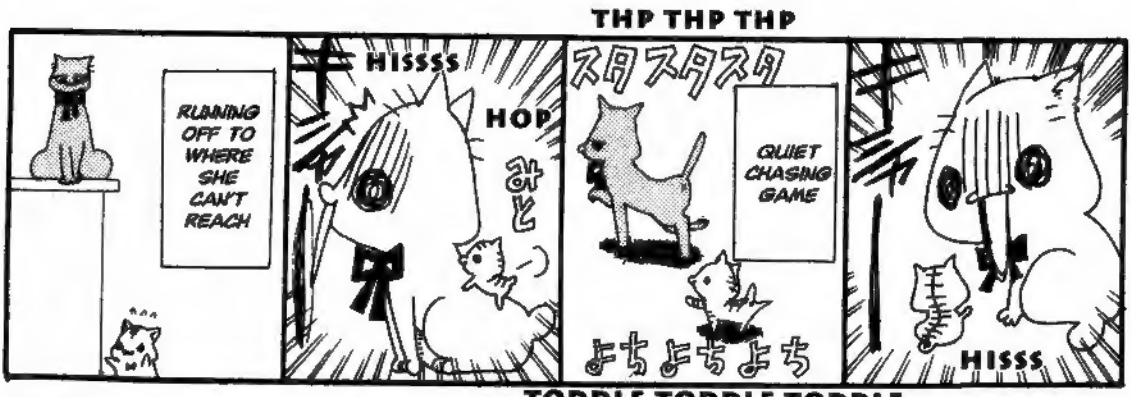
She's elegant and mature.

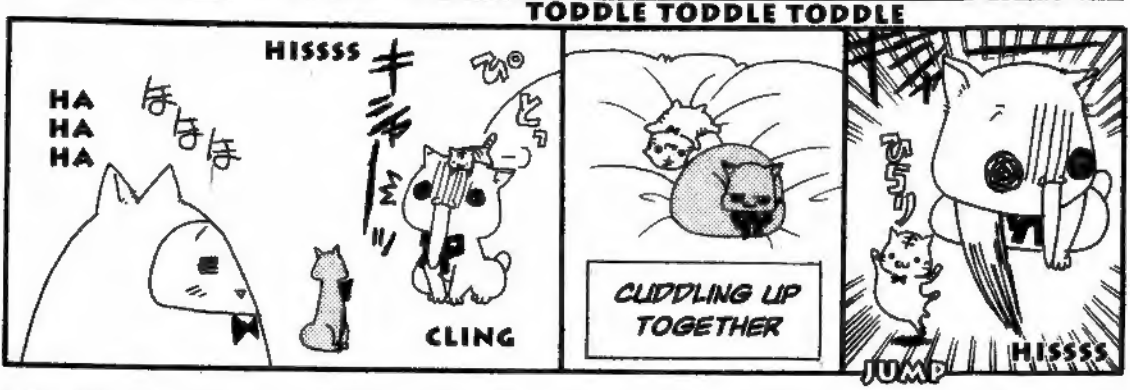
Uri ♀

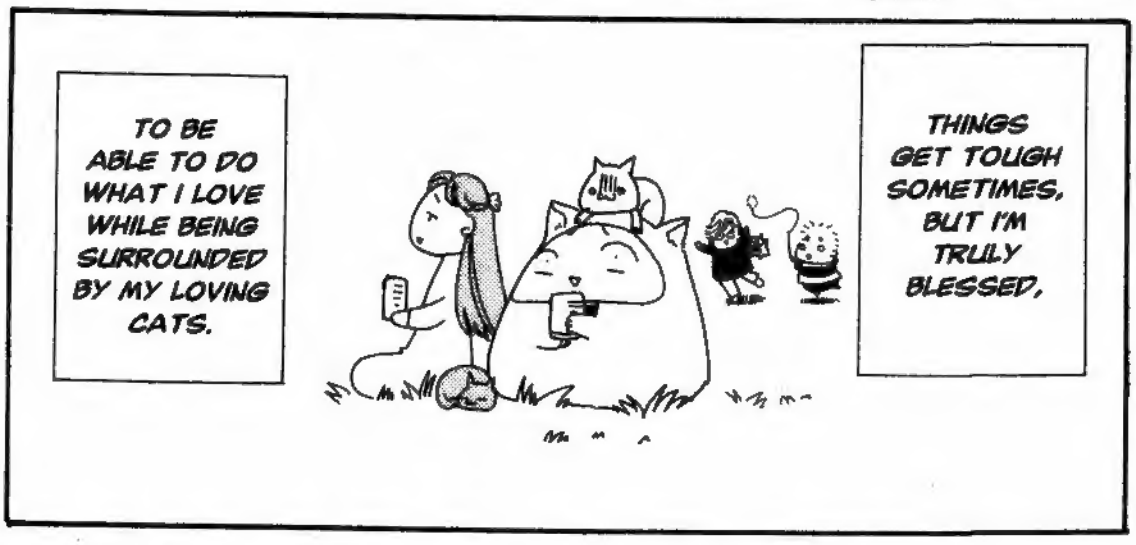
She's very lively.

NYU!

GO!







BECAUSE WITHOUT YOU, I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT FOR AS LONG AS I HAVE.
I'LL CONTINUE TO DO MY BEST.
I'LL SEE YOU IN VOLUME 4!
AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE.
THIS VOLUME IS ACTUALLY MY 20TH GRAPHIC NOVEL,

SEE YOU NEXT TIME!!